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Dilemma for embarrassed Major

Heath heads Tory revolt over Nolan

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR ran into a massive Conservative backlash against proposals for cleaning up "sleaze" at Westminster last night, and he may now have to depend on Opposition support if he wants to make the recommendations law.

One Conservative after another — including the former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath — rose during a six-hour debate yesterday to protest about the Nolan committee's call for an independent watchdog to supervise MPs' behaviour and its proposals on declaring outside earnings.

By the end of the day, Mr Major, faced the embarrassing prospect of having to rely on Labour and other opposition parties to get the most controversial proposals through.

With his own position weak, and the threat of a leadership challenge in the autumn, senior MPs wondered if he could afford even to try. But if he fails to introduce the necessary Commons motions, he could hand Labour a huge electoral bonus, given the widespread public support for Nolan's conclusions.

Inside the Commons, Lord Nolan and several members of his committee watched from the public gallery as a succession of Conservatives voiced reservations over his report. Anthony Steen, the MP for South Hams, said he resented Nolan's implication "that all of us are crooks".

Outside the chamber, Mr Major was blamed for setting up the committee in the first place.

Several senior backbenchers said that Mr Major would have no choice but to push the report's key recommendations through; others said there would be "absolute uproar" if he did.

The most striking proof of the opposition came when Sir Edward, a lonely and unpopular figure for many years, was cheered loudly by Tory MPs throughout a speech lambasting proposals to regulate the behaviour of MPs.

When he entered the House in 1950, MPs were regarded as people of integrity, Sir Edward said. "We have now reached a stage where every man and woman in this House is an object of suspicion".

Sir Edward attacked the idea of an independent parliamentary commissioner for standards, asking how a bureacratic organisation could find out what was happening at Westminster. "We in this House know far more of what is going on with our fellow members than any bureaucrat brought in from outside. Of course we do. What can this gentleman do? He can't come into the smokeroom and say, 'By the way, have you heard so-and-so about so-and-so? Do you think I ought to look at that?' Of course not."

Lord Nolan was an "admirable judge", but "he seems to lack a certain worldliness, of realising what goes on in this world of ours".

Mr Major's dilemma is that having established the committee, he is now under great public pressure to put its recommendations into effect.

Proposals relating to MPs can be implemented only by the tabling of Commons motions in the name of the Leader of the House, Tony Newton. These would usually be supported by the Government's "payroll vote" of ministers and parliamentary aides.

But if the Prime Minister goes ahead with the measure, there is a real danger that the payroll vote and Labour could be in one lobby while the rest of the Conservative party is in the other. One senior MP said: "That is an unthinkable state of affairs. How could he survive that?"

Passions were running high even before the debate got under way. Outside the Commons, the Conservative Alan Duncan, badgered Lord Nolan as he made his way to the House to hear the debate. Mr Duncan told him: "You are about to obliterate the professional classes' representation in the House of Commons. It is a very, very dangerous game."

The tone for the debate was set by early Tory interventions in the speech by David Hunt, the Minister for Open Government. Tristan Garel-Jones, a former deputy chief whip, suggested the details of Nolan be referred to a "senior committee of the House" to restore confidence with "clarity and care".

Nicholas Budgen, MP for Wolverhampton South-West, gave a warning against a "panic response" and called for any material changes in MPs' terms of office to be decided through "slow deliberation" by statute, which would "bite at the beginning of the next Parliament".

But Ann Taylor, the shadow Commons Leader, attacked any attempt to slow the pace of reform, recalling that Mr Major had asked the committee to make its first report within six months because of the "urgency and great weight of public concern".

"If it was important that Lord Nolan report in that timescale, surely it is important that the Commons should take action as quickly as possible," she said.

Mr Major's caution over the disclosure of consultancy fees had earlier been apparent when Tony Blair pressed the Prime Minister for his personal opinion. Mr Major declined to give it, saying that he was waiting for the House to give its view.



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Steen: "Implication is that we are crooks"



Janet Alderson and her husband Stephen yesterday after victory in her maternity rights battle with ICI

Adoption mother wins equal rights

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE mother of an adopted child has won her campaign for the same maternity leave rights as a natural parent. The victory was hailed by the Equal Opportunities Commission yesterday as a landmark with implications for all working women who adopt.

Janet Alderson fought her employers, ICI, for unpaid leave of absence to enable her to form a parental bond with the two-year-old girl she and her husband adopted last year. The company gives natural mothers six months off on full pay.

Mrs Alderson, 38, a computer specialist, from Redcar, Cleveland, claimed that the firm had reneged on an agreement for six months' leave from its plant at Wilton on Teesside where she had worked for 14 years. Instead she was told that she would have to accept redundancy if she wanted to spend time with her new daughter. But yesterday, on the second day of an industrial tribunal hearing her claim of sex discrimination and unfair dismissal, she agreed to withdraw her case when ICI promised to work with the Equal Opportunities Commission to introduce a formal policy recognising the rights of staff wishing to adopt.

Afterwards Mr and Mrs Alderson said they were "absolutely delighted" at the company's change of heart. "This was never about money, it was about the rights of parents who adopt," Mrs Alderson said. Her husband, Stephen, 39, said: "The past few months have been a strain and our daughter has sensed that something was happening."

The Equal Opportunities Commission, which had supported Mrs Alderson, sees the settlement as a major step toward national legislation protecting the rights of parents who adopt. Jennifer Eady, the commission's principal legal officer, said: "Our priority is to persuade the Government to introduce statutory leave for all parents, whether it is through adoption or natural childbirth. In the meantime we hope other companies will follow ICI."

After the settlement was announced, Tim Russell the solicitor acting for ICI, read a statement in which the company said intended to introduce a clear policy of assistance to employees who adopt children. "This policy will form part of the company's terms and conditions of employment. It is hoped that other employers will take steps to assist women in similar circumstances until such time as national legislation is in place to give them statutory protection."

ICI had denied Mrs Anderson's claim, saying she was made redundant when her department closed, not because she adopted a child. Mrs Alderson still works for ICI as an agency graphics illustrator.

UN peace force may abandon Bosnia's havens

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations is considering cutting by half its force in Bosnia and abandoning Muslim "safe areas", according to details of a draft report obtained yesterday by *The Times*.

The report, to be presented to the Security Council before the end of the month by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the Secretary General, outlines five options for the future UN role in Bosnia, ranging from total withdrawal to a fully-fledged intervention force.

But Dr Boutros Ghali has already told the Security Council he favours a reduction and redeployment of the UN Protection Force, as in the second option of the draft. This would involve the withdrawal of about 11,000 peacekeepers.

The draft says: "This option would result in a substantial decrease in the presence of Unprofor in all areas outside the contiguous territory of the federation, including Sarajevo, and reduce the currently unacceptable high risk to personnel."

The proposal would spell the end of UN protection for the six UN-declared "safe areas" around Sarajevo, Tuzla, Bihac, Gorazde, Zepa and Srebrenica. The implication is that some, if not all, of the areas would be abandoned by the United Nations altogether. The UN presence at Sarajevo airport, however, would almost certainly be maintained.

UN officials and diplomats caution that the draft has not been approved by Dr Boutros Ghali, and could still be amended. The proposal for reducing the UN force is to be discussed by senior Nato officials and UN commanders today at Soesterberg, in The Netherlands.

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QE2 'cruise to hell' chief resigns

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE chairman of the Cunard cruise line has left his job over his handling of December's disastrous *QE2* "cruise to hell", in which hundreds of furious passengers threatened to mutiny over conditions aboard the luxury liner.

Trafalgar House, Cunard's owner, said that John Olsen, 52, was leaving at the end of the month "by mutual agreement". Mr Olsen, who is based in New York and was yesterday unavailable for comment, will receive a compensation package running to "tens rather than hundreds of thousands of pounds" to cover the cost of his relocation back to England.

He will be replaced on the Trafalgar House board and as chairman and chief executive of Cunard by Peter Ward, chairman of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars.

Nigel Rich, chief executive of Trafalgar House, denied that Mr Olsen was being made a scapegoat for the fiasco. "Taking the responsibility would be a better way of putting it," he said.

Trafalgar House refused to reveal his salary, but Mr Olsen is believed to be the overseas-based director listed in the company's 1994 accounts who was paid £506,000, including £206,000 of overseas living allowance.

A former Royal Marine, he became the focus of the anger

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BT chief's pay falls to £599,000

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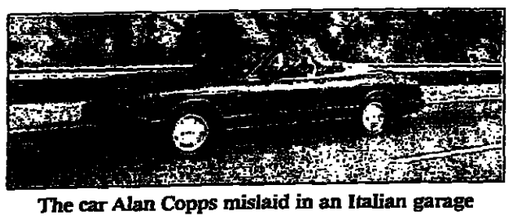
Our man loses his thief-proof Bentley

FROM ALAN COPPS IN BRESCIA

TO BE given one of the world's most desirable cars to drive for a week is a rare privilege. To find it spirited away in the night by thieves from a locked underground garage is mortifying.

When I woke up in my hotel in Brescia, northern Italy, yesterday morning, I found that the £215,000 Bentley Azure which I had driven here at the invitation of Rolls-Royce had disappeared. It is one of only 11 to be made so far, is the model coloured pearl-red and is certainly the first to be stolen.

The 155mph open-topped tourer launched with great fanfare at the Geneva Motor Show two months ago was the result of a £20 million two-year development programme by Bentley. It was seen as a turning point in the fortunes of the company, and all 118 due to be produced this year have been sold.



The car Alan Copps mislaid in an Italian garage

To display its proudest new product, the company arranged for three of the Azures to be used as support cars for a six-strong team of vintage Bentleys, the drivers of which include Prince Michael of Kent, in the Mille Miglia Rally which started from Brescia last night.

As editor of *The Times Car 95* supplement, I had been invited with a colleague to drive one of the support cars. We had driven from the Channel Tunnel down to Brescia, having met the team in Switzerland. I parked the car in the hotel's underground car park.

When I went to pick up the car in the morning, the space where it had been left was occupied by a trailer. The 2.3-ton car had been stolen.

The Azure is 17ft long and 6ft 2in wide and has one of the biggest engines in the business, a 6.7-litre V8 capable of firing even such a big body to 60mph in 6.3 seconds.

More to the point, it has an electronic locking and alarm system, which also immobilises the engine and locks the automatic gearbox into parking mode. To remove the car would mean either that the thieves used a device to cancel out the electronic locking system or that they had somehow dragged it on to a trailer and then towed it out of the garage up a steep ramp.

Rolls-Royce executives said the theft would be covered by insurance. But the thieves face an expensive get-away: the Azure guzzles a gallon of petrol every six to ten miles.

The theft was not Rolls-Royce's only trouble with the press: the man from the *Daily Mail* hit an articulated lorry with his.

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Sir Edward shines among the enormously odd

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Questioning Home Office Ministers yesterday, Max Madden (Lab, Bradford W) accused the Government of overseeing what he called "orggies". Her Majesty's Opposition are so clean that they cannot even *pronounce* the word "orgy".

Minutes later, the leader of Mr Madden's party detected, *in an answer from the Prime Minister*, something that was "more than a little hollow". What could Mr Blair mean? What *is* more than a little hollow? A big hollow? A crater?

We begin to notice Blair's verbal comfort-blankets: a strange weave of barrister's pomposity, PR man's ad-speak, and the bossiness of a tetchy head prefect. It was more than a little obvious — indeed, your Honour, it was hardly an exaggeration to say — *that Mr Blair was less than* satisfied, far from reassured and anything but content. It was a defining moment. Mr *Blair was scarcely pleased* and not a little suspicious.

He was a lot suspicious. And the Labour leader was not alone (oops!). The PM's fate during yesterday's debate on Nolan was to be ambushed on all sides. The Opposition suspects him of wanting to fudge Nolan's key *recommendations: the Tory* Right suspects him of *not* wanting to fudge them: the Tory traditionalists suspect him of conniving in a sabotage of parliamentary sovereignty; and the Tory centre-Left ... well, they *would* be loyal, except for this business about consultancies ...

The result was a weird and confusing display of rockets and squibs firing off in all directions. There was an unholy alliance between the Tory rightwingers and Tony Benn. Mr Benn thought many of Nolan's ideas ought to be adopted not as custom, but in the full majesty of statute: because constitutional authority was needed.

Tory rightwingers wanted statute because statute would mean delay: forever, they hope. Tristan Garel-Jones just wanted to confuse everybody, as usual. Labour's front benchers want early action because they suspect the Tory front bench of wanting to duck the report.

The Tory front benchers want early action because the *sooner they can dispose of* this the better. The Labour back benches support the Tory front bench. The Tory backbenchers support Labour rebels. It was ... well, more than a little odd. It was an enormous odd.

But the most enormous odd of all was the sight of Sir Edward Heath being cheered wildly by the Tory back benches. Sir Edward had mounted an impassioned defence of Parliament's ancient right to govern itself, without *outside invigilation.*

He was, as often, a thorn in the Government's side, and Labour MPs have grown accustomed to cheering him. Yesterday they sat silent as Tory backbenchers, led by the anti-European Right, did the cheering. It must be nearly 20 years since Ted Heath has heard support like this from behind him. The old boy looked quite confused.

Later, to complete the looking-glass picture, Labour cheered the Tories' Tom King, who had sat on the Nolan committee and yesterday endorsed its recommendations with force and eloquence.

Sir Edward cheered from behind — and Tom King cheered from in front. Worlds seemed to collide. The Chief Whip, Richard Ryder, stood at the bar, grinning. From the Peers' Gallery above, Lord Nolan himself peered down with an *expression of absolute* horror.

The question whether his lordship was more horrified *by his report's enemies* or its friends was anything but clear, far from simple, and not a little comic.

SAS to find base with more space for troops

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE SAS is to move out of its Hereford headquarters, Stirling Lines, named after the regiment's founder, Colonel Sir David Stirling, because the special forces soldiers need more training space.

The Army's elite 22 SAS regiment is expected to relocate to an RAF air base which was closed down last year. RAF Hereford, about ten miles from the regiment's present barracks on the other side of town in Credenhill was where the RAF had its secretarial training college and airmen's command school.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed yesterday that a number of options were being *examined for different head*quarters. A spokesman for the MoD said: "We have reached a decision in principle to relocate the regiment. An old RAF base at Credenhill is the option which we hope to concentrate on." He added: "We have reached the stage where *we are outgrowing the Stirling* Lines base and because we can't expand the site we are having to look elsewhere."

One of the difficulties for the regiment has been the expansion of housing estates around the present barracks. The spokesman said that moving to RAF Hereford at Credenhill would enable the regiment to continue its long-running relationship with the county of Herefordshire.

If ministers approve the switch to Credenhill, Stirling Lines will be sold as a prime housing site. The SAS museum which records the history of the famous regiment will be moved to the new base. MoD sources said the move was not motivated by any intention to increase the size of the SAS. There are currently about 400 men in the regiment.

The Stirling Lines site has *only about 60 acres of land*, compared with RAF Hereford, with 210 acres. The RAF base is also close to existing SAS training areas in the Brecon Beacons and Sennybridge.

The SAS which was founded in 1941, wanted to remain within a security-conscious *community as well as close to* St Martin's Church in Hereford where many of their soldiers, killed on active service, are buried. The SAS moved to the Hereford barracks the early 1960s.

The move from Stirling Lines, which used to be an *artillery regiment barracks, is* expected to take place within two or three years. The air base is seen as suitable for the SAS because it will need only minimal redevelopment. There are already married quarters there and the base is surrounded by high fencing.

One of the most famous SAS training facilities is the so-called "Killing House" where counter-terrorist experts carry out hostage-rescue exercises. It is not based at Stirling Lines but out in the country and will still be used by the regiment after the move.



Stirling: SAS founder

Woman is to chair criminal Bar group

BY FRANCES GIBB

ANNE Rafferty, QC, a leading criminal barrister and Crown Court recorder, has been elected to head the influential criminal Bar.

Miss Rafferty, 45, a mother *of three, will be the first* woman chairman of the 2,000-strong Criminal Bar Association, which represents all barristers specialising in criminal work, prosecution and defence. She fought off challenges from Ronald Thwaites, QC, and Rock Tansey, QC. John Nutting, QC, was elected vice-chairman.

Miss Rafferty was a member of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice *that* reported in 1993, and was the first women to chair the Bar Conference, the profession's annual flagship get-together.

Married to Brian Barker, QC, she holds forceful views on how much harder it is for women to succeed at the Bar *and to juggle the demands of* home and work. However, she has never played the "woman's card" and does not seek to champion women's rights.



ALAN WELLER

Rafferty: mother of three fought off challenges

Leaked memo accuses Aitken of confrontation on spending

BY IAN MURRAY AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JONATHAN AITKEN has *been severely criticised for* adopting a "confrontational" approach in last year's spending round.

A leaked memorandum by the most senior civil servant involved in local government shows that by November the Prime Minister was already *unhappy about the budget* settlement and had issued instructions to make sure that, in future, more money was made available for schools.

The memorandum, sent to other ministries in March by Andrew Turnbull, permanent secretary at the Environment Department, says the way in *which the Chief Secretary to* the Treasury handled the public spending round was "confrontational and not conducive to a proper collective consideration of options".

The note complains that there was a lack of balance in the way papers were presented to the Cabinet "*with more* emphasis given to Treasury arguments than to those of the service departments".

The memorandum throws fresh light on John Major's announcement at the Conservative Central Council meeting in late March that there would be extra money for *education next year.*

It discloses that by the end of the spending round in November, the Prime Minister was having second thoughts about the wisdom of Mr Aitken's squeeze.

At the final public expenditure Cabinet Mr Major "suggested *that the spending needs* of local government in the forthcoming survey be regarded as a priority bid on the reserve for 1996/97 and 1997/98".

Mr Aitken made no comment on the leak to the *Local Government Chronicle.*

Shephard to inject £100m into schools to raise standards

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

STRUGGLING schools are to be given extra money under a Government initiative intended to raise standards in the state sector. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, will next week announce a £100 *million package in response to* concern about the growth in the country of an "education underclass".

About £30 million will be made available to schools to tackle grave weaknesses disclosed by the new inspection regime. A further £70 million *is expected to be earmarked* for school improvement, about one-third being distributed through local education authorities.

The move is an attempt by Mrs Shephard to answer criticisms that the Government's market-led reforms have *failed to help schools with* problems, pitching some into a spiral of decline. Under new funding formulas, unpopular schools lose money as their rolls fall.

Eric Forth, the Education Minister, accepted an estimate last week that one in eight *schools had serious shortcom*ings which were jeopardising pupils' futures.

The figure, which exceeds any previous estimate, was a projection from inspection reports by the Office For Standards in Education calculated by Professor Michael Barber, *of Keele University.*

A report by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools gave warning that for pupils in city schools — about one in five of the country's 24,000 schools — education is a lottery. It said that government policies were failing to secure improve*ments in some schools and* colleges.

Mrs Shephard is particularly anxious about some rural areas, where parents have no choice because of the distances between schools. Of 50 schools judged to be failing their pupils and facing possible closure, four are in Norfolk — two in her own constituency of Norfolk Northwest.

Her initiative, however, could be opposed by some local authorities and Conservatives fearful that ministers *are, in effect,* rewarding failure.

Proposals drawn up by officials for Mrs Shephard, leaked to *The Times Educa*tional Supplement, disclose that the money for the new initiative will be channelled through a special grants programme that the Department for Education uses for priority action.

Local authorities will be asked to supply 40 per cent of the money, with the remainder bring switched from existing programmes. These are understood to include projects *such as training and support* for local management schemes and governor training.

☐ University academics yesterday accepted an across-the-board pay offer of 2.7%. The increase is backdated to April and will cover all academics *and professional support staff.*

It was accepted by the Association of University Teachers at its council meeting in Weston-super-Mare. The AUT said members were disappointed that salary levels would fall further behind other comparable groups. But *they recognised that the* squeeze on university funding meant any greater increase could put institutions in jeopardy.

David Triesman, the general secretary, said: "Universities are becoming a low pay ghetto for over-worked and *committed professionals.*"

"Some universities had less than 2.1 per cent increase in their grant and the 2.7 per cent increase to staff will add about 3.8 per cent to the total pay bill for each institution."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mayhew to meet Adams in America

Sir Patrick Mayhew said he would use an informal meeting with Gerry Adams in Washington next week to warn that the IRA must begin to decommission its arms before Sinn Fein can enter full-scale talks (Nicholas Watt writes).

The meeting, at the White House investment conference on Northern Ireland, will be the most important discussion between the two sides in more than 20 years.

The Northern Ireland Secretary *said he would tell the* Sinn Fein president that economic progress in Northern Ireland depended on people's confidence that peace will be permanent. Sinn Fein welcomed Sir Patrick's decision to meet, saying it would clear the way for further ministerial talks at Stormont, but Ulster Unionists condemned it as "crass".

Police miss body

Police began an investigation yesterday into how mobile patrol officers attending a crash scene in the village of Ridgmont in Bedfordshire failed to spot the body of a woman inside an overturned car. It was 24 hours before a passer-by discovered the body. The investigation will centre on whether the delay cost the driver her life.

Nurses fight back

Christine Hancock, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing yesterday rebuked the Health Minister who threatened nurses with the loss of their pay review body. In an open letter to Gerald Malone, she accused him of underestimating the fury of nurses and of failing to treat them equally with doctors.

Unlawful killing

A verdict of unlawful killing was recorded at Windsor yesterday by the East Berkshire coroner on Mark Newport, 24, whose family lives in Wokingham. Mr Newport died with 74 others when a Aeroflot Airbus crashed in a Siberian forest in March last year. The Russian pilot's 16-year-old son was at the controls.

Nut inquiry

Scientists have embarked on the most comprehensive study yet of peanut allergy, which kills at least five Britons a year and affects thousands more. The team, funded by the Ministry of Agriculture at the Institute of Child Health in Bristol, uses data assembled in a three-year study of 14,000 mothers and their babies in Avon.

V&A halts move

The Victoria and Albert Museum has pulled out of a plan to display a priceless collection of oriental material in a 19th century former mill in Bradford. The move to the strongly Asian Manningham district of the city would have been the V&A's first step outside the capital. The museum blamed doubts about long-term funding.

Bird thief jailed

Derek Canning, 33, a warehouseman, was jailed for 18 months for trapping and selling peregrine falcons. He was stopped by police driving away from a nest site in Kielder Forest from where two chicks had been taken. Detectives raided his home at Hough Mill, Stamfordham, Northumberland, and discovered 14 other chicks.

Beeline to past

Bacteria at least 25 million *years old have been recov*ered by Dr Raul Cano and Dr Monica Borucki from the stomach of a Dominican bee preserved in amber. The harmless bacteria are being stored in a freezer at California State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo. The *feat, reported in Science,* has amazed other scientists.

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QE2 chief

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of more than 600 passengers on the luxury Christmas cruise to New York and the *Caribbean after the QE2* set out from Southampton with a £30-million refit only half finished. Another 500 had to be left behind at Southampton and did not sail on the "floating building site".

The passengers, who had paid up to £20,000 for the cruise, complained of "exploding toilets", dirty water swilling about the floor of luxury cabins and construction equipment blocking corridors. Some used champagne buckets as makeshift lavatories.

Mr Olsen met the passengers in an angry confrontation on board the liner in New York when dozens threatened to stage a sit-in. The problems continued when the ship was held in dock in New York for *37 hours over safety violations* before being allowed to set off for the Caribbean.

About 120 passengers, led by Christine Hall, an American lawyer who was on the cruise, are suing Cunard in the US courts for $100,000 compensation each (£63,000) and a *$50 million* fund to cover any future health problems. A Trafalgar House spokesman said the claim would be resisted vigorously.

Shipping industry insiders said yesterday that the *QE2* should not have been allowed to sail when she did.

"Other companies would have handled it in a different way," one said. "There was a feeling that they would muddle through and that it would be all right on the night."

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School bans POG mania after classes are disrupted

BY MARIANNE DARCH

PUPILS were ordered to leave their latest playground craze at home yesterday after the game POG was blamed for disrupting classrooms.

The giant Hawaiian tiddlywinks were banned from Beechen Cliff School in Bath after heated disputes erupted between winners and losers. Roy Ludlow, headmaster of the grant-maintained boys' school, said: "It has caused arguments in the playground and pupils have been distracted by POG in their lessons as well. I have told the boys that if they bring the game to school, it will be confiscated."

Problems among the 977 pupils arose mainly between the 11 and 13-year-olds. Older pupils have not shown much interest in the game, which is lauded as the nineties version of marbles. Mr Ludlow said: "I haven't had any reaction from parents so I can only assume they support me."

The new flipping craze is viewed as a return to cheap and simple childhood toys. Until now it has only drawn *sighs of relief from parents.* Packets of six of the brightly coloured POGs cost just 99p and are trendy alternatives to expensive electronic gadgets.

The 1½ inch shiny discs are decorated with cartoon graphics and are widely available at newsagents and corner shops. Players stack the laminated discs face up and hit them with a special plastic one called a kini — the Hawaiian word for king. Discs landing face down are awarded to the flipper and whoever collects the most POGs wins.

Waddington's, POG's British manufacturer, defended *the product yesterday.* Andrew Palmer, the firm's brand manager, said: "POG is a harmless game which encourages children to play together rather than staring at screens. It allows children of all abilities to compete as equals.

"But unless teachers use POG as a learning tool within the lesson, the game should stay in pockets in the classroom."

He said his company was overjoyed with the response. "POG is a phenomenon in America and so we were not surprised to see it reach craze status in the UK," he said.

More than four million games have been sold in Britain since its launch in February. The craze shows no sign of abating.

The modest price puts POG well within pocket money budgets and the range of 70 designs means discs have become collectors items. Limited editions are enhanced with holographic foils and *most feature a hairy monster* with a large nose and teeth called the POGman.

POG mania stands to reach new heights this summer when the POGman himself starts his first tour to coincide with Britain's first national tournament.

Last week, POG was tipped "game of the year" by BBC's childrens programme, *Newsround*, and style pundits including Steve Wright have lauded it as "the new game".

Euan Kerr, editor of the *Beano*, recognised the promotional potential of POG in February and offered free packs with issues of the classic childhood comic. Sales went up by more than 20 per cent, with children buying several copies each to feed their hunger for the discs.

A spokeswoman at Hamley's toy store in central London, where sales have taken off, said: "It is supposed to be non-addicitive but there seems to be many people who are very taken with it indeed."

THE GAME

- **POG was first played by employees of the Haleakala Dairy on the island of Maui, Hawaii, in the 1920s. They used bottle caps from a fruit drink made of passion fruit, orange and guava juice, hence POG.**
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mayhew to meet Adams in America

Sir Patrick Mayhew said he would [illegible] an informal meeting with Gerry Adams in Washington next week. The IRA must beg to decommission its arms before Sinn Fein can enter full talks (Nicholas Watt writes).

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Husband fled to France to escape debts and relive holiday memories

Bank manager given two years for £100,000 theft

By Kate Alderson



Daughter took call

AN ASSISTANT bank manager who went on the run in France for seven months after stealing almost £100,000 from the bank where he worked was jailed for two years yesterday.

Ian Lumb, 38, worked at the NatWest bank in Bolton, Lancashire, when he stole £94,020 from a safe and cash-point machine in May last year. The court was told that he had debts of £130,000 that were unknown to his wife and was "effectively suffering a breakdown" at the time of the theft.

Judge Lever, QC, told Lumb, who returned from France last Christmas and has returned or repaid all but £120 of the money, that despite the "extraordinary circumstances" of the case, he had no choice but to give him a custodial sentence.

"You are an assistant bank manager and you stole £100,000 from your employers," he told Lumb. "In this last analysis that is all there is to it."

Before sentencing, the judge said he had taken into account the "highly individual factors" that led the bank manager to leave behind his family and established lifestyle to conduct "this extraordinary nomadic existence" in France. He told him: "It must be true that your mind must have been in turmoil because of the illogicality of your actions, not simply disappearing with that money to live the life of an itinerant abroad but, having stolen such a large sum, to return it in the circumstances you did over such a long period of time."

Susan Lumb, 33, the defendant's wife, was in court to hear that her husband, who worked for the bank for 20 years, had large debts and "serious underlying problems" when he stole the cash. He went on a five-year spending spree after he cashed £25,000 of NatWest shares, spent the money on luxuries, and then found he "could not stop".

His £25,000 salary could not support his lifestyle. He had a £90,000 home, two cars, a love of golf, designer clothes and gold jewellery, and made heavy investments on the stock market.

Six months before the theft NatWest had told him they regarded his debts as "inappropriate", and had arranged a repayment scheme. Phillip Curran, for the defence, told the court: "The financial difficulties clearly were the trigger to what happened on that day."

The court was told he had once boasted to a colleague that one day he would "clear this place out" and had persuaded a clerk to show him how the cash dispenser worked from inside the bank.

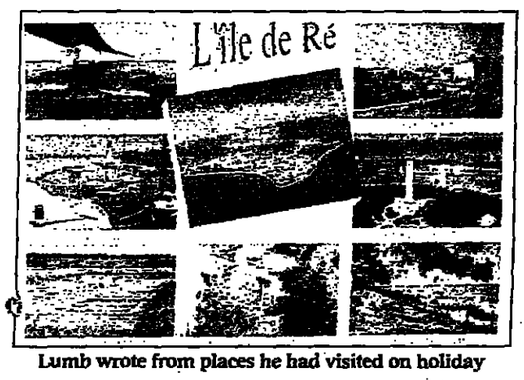
On Friday May 13 last year, Lumb took the money after the bank had closed and loaded it into a canvas bag. He then took a ferry to France, changing his appearance by shaving his beard, avoiding resorts with British tourists and staying in small guest houses.

Mr Curran said: "It must have been a lonely existence. At times he was suicidal, not knowing what to do for the best.

"He did not live a high lifestyle in France but stayed in bed-and-breakfasts and sometimes in his car. In his own mind, he probably did not know what he was doing."

Mrs Lumb and their two daughters, Jenni, 13, and Nicole, 11, heard nothing from Lumb for two months. In July last year, while Mrs Lumb's parents, George and Joan Clegg, were on holiday in the Loire, they returned to their car to find a parcel, letter and photographs from Lumb.

A note said: "Please don't open this parcel, it is very personal for my wife and children." When they returned home Mrs Lumb found it contained £24,000 in cash, letters, photographs and her husband's wedding, engagement and signet rings.



Lumb wrote from places he had visited on holiday

During the following months Lumb conducted a nostalgic tour of France in hire cars, on a bicycle and by train, revisiting places he had spent holidays with his wife and family.

Lumb sent home a series of postcards and snapshots: from La Rochelle and the southwest of the country, where the couple had spent their honeymoon 14 years before; from restaurants where they had shared meals; from a caravan site where they had holidayed.

There was a box of matches from a favourite hotel in Paris and a photograph of a golf course where they had played.

The postcards were accompanied by jokey notes. One photograph of a restaurant carried the message: "Cleggy (his nickname for his wife from her maiden name), this is where you ate the brain of something. I can't remember. Sheep?"

Another on a photo of a restaurant in Etaples said: "I had fish soup again!" He remembered birthdays and anniversaries and sent presents. He also returned £55,000 of stolen money by post.

Mrs Lumb, a beauty therapist, regularly travelled to France to search for her husband and made repeated appeals for him to come home. She said: "He refuses to face up to reality so he is revisiting all the places we went to where we were happy."

But as the months passed his tone became increasingly desperate and lonely. One card read simply: "Lost in France".

Lumb was on the verge of suicide last December, the court was told. In a hotel room in Annecy, at the foot of the Alps, he wrote Christmas cards home and then mixed himself a lethal cocktail of paracetemol and Pernod. Then he telephoned home to hear his wife's voice on the answering machine for the last time.

But the telephone was picked up by his daughter Jenni, who said quickly: "Dad, if that's you, I love you. Don't hang up."

Mrs Lumb said: "Ian had rung in a terrible state but he agreed to come home after he listened to Jenni's voice. He told me he couldn't go through with it and I told him we loved him and wanted him back."

On Boxing Day the fugitive banker drove his French-registered Renault into the drive of his home in Rawtenstall, Lancashire, to be reunited with his family.

He was granted bail to stay at the family home and pleaded guilty to theft last month. His mother-in-law helped to repay £25,000 of the missing money. The court was told that a further £10,000 had gone missing in the post from France.

Speaking outside court yesterday John Potter, Lumb's solicitor, said his client deeply regretted what had happened and wished to apologise to his family, the bank and its customers.



Ian Lumb and his wife Susan arriving at court yesterday. She made several trips to France to try to find him

Clamper jailed after 3-year battle

By Paul Wilkinson

DOGGED determination by a man who believed his car had been unfairly wheel-clamped has led to a four-month prison sentence for the head of a car-clamping firm.

Ralph King tried for almost three years to get back the £75 he had paid to secure release of his car, which he had parked on waste ground at Newcastle upon Tyne. His tenacity paid off when he saw Victor Spencer, manager of Independent Parking Services of Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne and Wear, sentenced for perjuring himself in a county court.

Judge Stephenson, sitting at Newcastle Crown Court, told Spencer, 35: "This matter is far too serious to justify anything other than an immediate custodial sentence. You told lies to the county court. That quickly became apparent."

The judge praised Mr King's determination: "It shows what can be achieved."

During his battle, Mr King, a 48-year-old accountant from Morpeth, Northumberland, made five court appearances, tracked down Spencer to his home, wrote him more than 20 demands for the money and eventually provided the evidence that he had lied in court.

Yesterday, Mr King said: "Maybe if more people stood up for themselves these firms would think twice about clamping cars for the sake of it."

He had been awarded the £75 and costs by Durham County Court after the clamping company failed to appear. He said it had been his responsibility to get the money from the firm so he set about tracking it down.

Eventually Spencer was ordered to court to declare his personal wealth to see whether he was able to pay Mr King.

Mr King said: "He stood up under oath and told the clerk of the court that he owned no assets apart from a second-hand van. He said he didn't own his home and lived with his mother."

Mr King said that before the case went to Crown Court he received a cheque for £250 signed V Spencer. "He paid up in the end but by that time it was too late."

Poisonous row blooms forth at the Chelsea Flower Show

By Dominic Kennedy

ORGANISERS of the Chelsea Flower Show have accused *Gardening Which?* of sensationalising an exhibit on dangerous plants, planned by the magazine.

Gardening Which? has been forbidden from calling its exhibit, which includes parsnips and rhubarb, a display of "poisonous plants". The Royal Horticultural Society is insisting on the less tabloid term "potentially harmful".

However, the publication defended its use of words, pointing out that it was a popular magazine and had to use terminology understood by its readers.

Stephen Bennett, shows director for the Royal Horticultural Society, said yesterday: "We feel that the gardening public deserve an accurate description of the extent to which these plants are toxic. We don't feel it is helpful for plants which are not poisonous to be described as poisonous."

The dispute stems from what some in the gardening establishment see as the misrepresentation by the media of a two-year research project by the Horticultural Trades Association into dangerous plants. The research produced a list of 93 species that will need special labelling before being sold by garden centres. Only one plant type, the poison ivy, was identified as "poisonous". The others were described as toxic or harmful.

The research was commissioned and paid for by, among others, the Royal Horticultural Society but not the Consumers' Association, which publishes *Gardening Which?* The researchers, which included the National Poisons Unit, agreed the term "potentially harmful" correctly described the varieties. The labels should be on all such plants sold from September 1997.

The magazine has produced a wallchart of "poisonous plants" and wanted to use the same expression to describe its Chelsea display.

The exhibit, in the Great Marquee, will include a selection of plants in old-fashioned blue-glass poison bottles. A laburnum tree will be planted behind mock barbed-wire.

The Royal Horticultural Society represents gardeners rather than traders but realises the strong feelings of some in the horticultural trade. "Some exhibitors object strongly to what the Consumers' Association is doing," Mr Bennett said. The Chelsea show opens to Royal Horticultural Society members on Tuesday and Wednesday and to the public on Thursday and Friday.

The exhibit was defended strongly by Dr Brian Grout, research manager for *Gardening Which?* He pointed out that the young leaves of parsnips should not be eaten and could be accidentally included in a salad. Rhubarb leaves and laburnum seeds were also harmful to eat.

"We write a popular magazine," he said. "Our readers understand words like poisons. Being technically accurate isn't terribly useful if you are talking to Mr and Mrs Average wanting to know whether they should have something in the garden where their grandchildren are playing."

The society was supported yesterday by Stephen Goddard, a nurseryman, as he prepared a display in the marquee. "Poisons makes you think of arsenic," he said. "These plants that they are going to say are poisonous, people have been growing them for years."

Soraya clashes with titled landlady

By Alan Hamilton



At odds: the former Mrs Khashoggi and Lady Troup

AN UNSEEMLY exchange of insults has broken out in the newspapers between a fallen socialite and her well-to-do landlady. In a previous life Mrs Sara Kay was Mrs Soraya Khashoggi, married to an arms dealer and one of the world's richest men.

As the wife of Adnan Khashoggi, she had three homes in London, two in Switzerland, did lunch, and could spend more in an hour than most people earn in a lifetime. They divorced in 1980.

Now, down on her luck, the former Mrs Khashoggi rents a back-street terraced house in Hungerford, Berkshire, for £400 a month, runs a market bric-a-brac stall, works as a barmaid and waitress at the Bear Hotel, and generally lies low. Or at least she did until her landlady, Lady Cordelia Troup, wife of a retired vice-admiral, discussed her once-famous tenant with the *Daily Mail*.

"It was not somewhere I would expect someone of any class to occupy." Lady Troup remarked somewhat witheringly of the modest property in Fairview Road. "It is very much what you would call a working-class house; it has traditionally been occupied by artisans." Lady Troup and her husband Sir Anthony, a wartime submarine hero, live in considerably greater style elsewhere in Hungerford.

Yesterday Mrs Kay, born Sandra Daly 53 years ago in Leicester, retaliated through the columns of the *Newbury Weekly News*.

"I don't think this is a humble area," she says in a letter to the paper. "What on earth do they mean, and what is wrong with artisans and working-class folk anyway? We are all equal. Lady Troup just lives in a bigger house than we do at Fairview Road but she is very happy to take the money. I find her remark insulting. I am very happy where I am." Mrs Kay goes on to complain, however, that the house has numerous faults and is extremely cold and damp. She said after she had requested that the kitchen floor be repaired she had tried to have the work done herself but had been stopped by the estate agents.

The public exchange of unpleasantries has failed to clarify the future of Mrs Kay's tenancy. She disclosed yesterday that she had been asked to vacate the house on June 13, when her tenancy agreement ends, so that repairs could be done. But she added that she found it impossible to rent another house in the area because everyone believed she was being evicted. "I shall have to stay here."

Lady Troup retorted yesterday that her tenant was not being evicted. But the two appear never to have spoken, except to communicate by megaphone through the public prints. "I don't have any contact with her and I've never seen her," the landlady said of her tenant.

Defence team begins final attempt to have Barings trader brought back to Britain

Leeson's lawyers disclose Singapore claim to police

By Robert Miller

LAWYERS for Nick Leeson, the trader blamed for the £860 million collapse of Barings Bank, yesterday began a final attempt to have him extradited to Britain rather than Singapore.

Announcing the "beginning of a long legal struggle", they claimed in Frankfurt that forgery charges lodged by Singapore as the basis of a 12-count extradition request had no merit under German law. But a move to release him on bail was rejected by Hans-Hermann Eckert, Frankfurt's chief state prosecutor.

The German authorities would clearly like to be rid of Mr Leeson, who occupies a cell in the city's main prison. No crime was committed on German territory and it was only by accident that Mr Leeson and his wife Lisa landed in Frankfurt en route from the Far East to London.

But the Singapore authorities insist that Mr Leeson committed crimes in their country and that in doing so he undermined their standing in the international world markets.

Mr Leeson's British and German lawyers said yesterday that as part of their strategy they had offered the Serious Fraud Office access to the 1,000-page extradition document filed in a German court by Singapore. The SFO, which had been denied sight of the document by a Singapore court, will look for evidence to build a case for Mr Leeson's extradition to Britain.

Fraud squad officials also need to feel they have a good chance of securing a conviction in a British court if he did return. For this, the SFO will have to prove that Mr Leeson intended to defraud the 233-year-old merchant bank or that Barings staff in London were involved.

Alternatively, it might be argued that false material allegedly provided by Mr Leeson about a shortfall of 7.7 billion Japanese yen at the Singapore end was incorporated into a provisional audit and sent back to the merchant bank's auditors in London for inclusion in the group's accounts.

The SFO said: "We have been offered some information by Mr Leeson's lawyers, Kingsley Napley, which we shall be studying to assess its value and relevance to our investigation. But we are not in competition with the Singapore authorities."

Mr Leeson, 28, was detained at Frankfurt airport March 2. On April 28, four days before the extradition deadline, Singapore presented its request with 12 allegations of wrongdoing, including four counts of forgery and eight of cheating.

Two of the four forgery allegations relate to the signature of the Wall Street financier Richard Hogan, one to Citibank and another to Baring's internal reports. The latter two do not include signatures and under German law cannot be considered forged. On May 2 a Frankfurt court approved Mr Leeson's continued detention. There is little German precedent for releasing fugitives on bail, as an extradition request carries with it an implicit danger that a suspect may abscond.

There is also an outside chance that Singapore's extradition case could collapse. In that event Mr Leeson could return voluntarily and co-operate with the SFO investigation into the Barings collapse. This scenario would almost certainly involve delicate behind-the-scenes negotiations between his legal representatives and the SFO.

Mr Leeson's lawyers are questioning the legal validity, and therefore the case for holding him in Germany, of some of the Singapore documents. This is on the ground that the alleged document forgery was not punishable in Germany because it involved a photocopy and not a hand-written document.

The first part of the Leeson team strategy, however, is to avoid extradition to Singapore. Each of Singapore's 12 counts of cheating and forgery carries a possible sentence of seven years' imprisonment.

Mr Leeson's lawyers argue that such a heavy sentence is an abuse of human rights. This is a legal minefield and in the background is the strong trade links between Germany and Singapore which make the German authorities loath to cause offence.

Mr Leeson's legal team feels strongly that a trial in Singapore would involve only a small area of the Barings downfall and that evidence showing senior Barings staff in London should have know the risks that Mr Lesson was taking will not be aired. This would leave him as a convenient scapegoat and stifle any chance of the full reasons for the collapse being revealed.



Nick Leeson, left, at the Frankfurt prison where he has been held since March

Wedding arranger helped to fix asylum

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

AN ILLEGAL immigrant who pocketed more than £1 million dealing with bogus claims for political asylum and arranging "marriages" was jailed for 18 months yesterday.

Indian-born Paul Singh made an estimated £1.25 million in five years advising immigrants how to obtain asylum and used prostitutes in "wedding ceremonies" to help his clients to remain in Britain.

Singh, 35, is estimated to have dealt with more than 1,000 cases and arranged 650 "marriages". He charged customers up to £750 for his services, which included advice on how to apply for welfare benefits, Southwark Crown Court was told.

Brendan Finucane, for the prosecution, said: "The rewards of this activity were clearly very substantial indeed. It is believed much of the cash he made is hidden in bank accounts in America."

Judge John Rogers, passing sentence, said he would make the strongest possible recommendation to the Home Office that Singh, who had admitted four sample charges of attempting to obtain property by deception, be deported after serving his sentence.

Singh arrived in Britain in 1984 in his real name of Pritpal Singh Sarna but was deported two years later after being convicted of attempted deception. Two months later, having changed his name to Paul Singh, he returned to Britain and avoided efforts to remove him again by marrying a British citizen.

He set up a business, Anglo-Indian Services, which he ran from his home in Wembley, north London. He specialised in Nigerian, Indian, Bangladeshi, Polish and Algerian cases. The applications were often identical "to the last comma", Mr Finucane said.

Singh's aim was to start the political asylum process to give those he was representing a few months' breathing space to arrange a wedding ceremony. In 1993 a Channel 4 documentary secretly filmed him boasting of his activities. At one point he brandished a "little black book" he claimed contained more than 300 names of clients and potential partners. In May last year he was convicted of forgery and handling stolen goods and jailed for 58 days.

Outside court Det Con Richard Davis, of Scotland Yard's international and organised crime branch, said that to his knowledge nearly all Singh's clients remained in Britain. Many were on benefit or had "got lost in the system".

WEEKEND SHOPPING

By Sarah Hall

SHELLFISH are in abundance with brown shrimp, caught off the southwest coast of England, in season and costing about £2.75 a lb. Cromer crabs cost £1.50 live or £2.30 dressed, giving at least 6oz of meat. Large rock oysters are recommended at around 50p each.

Peeled prawns cost £1.49 for a 113g bag at Somerfield, or £3.99 for a 400g pack at Co-op. At Waitrose, giant tiger prawn kebabs are 99p each.

Best buys include:

Asda: best braising steak, £1.55 a lb: mangetout, 4oz pack, 59p.

Budgens: baby new potatoes, 680g pack, 99p; Danone Danino fromage frais, 6 pots, 59p.

Co-op: 2 Bowyers Scotch eggs, 99p; frozen prawn curry with rice, 340g, 99p.

Iceland: 8 Mars Snickers ice-cream bars, £1.99; 4 battered cod fillets, 600g, £2.49.

Marks & Spencer: medium leek and bacon quiche, £1.59; multiflake cereal, 500g, 99p.

Safeway: dips with soured cream, 4 x 110g, 92p; Müllerice, 200g, 31p.

Sainsbury: 8 pork and beef sausages, 1lb, 79p; 8 oranges, 98p.

Somerfield: strawberries, 227g, 78p; frozen breaded scampi, 400g, £1.94.

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Wedding arranger helped to fix asylum

Violent boyfriend killed himself after leaving macabre notes about 'shotgun wedding'

Ex-fiancé shot model on day they planned to wed

By Paul Wilkinson

A MODEL told an inquest yesterday that she thought she was going to die when her former fiancé fired a sawn-off shotgun at her head seconds before turned the weapon on himself.

Amanda Horry, 23, whose face is scarred from her wounds, told the inquest into Paul Common's death that he lured her to remote countryside near Hartburn, Northumberland, on the day they had planned to marry. The hearing in Newcastle upon Tyne had already heard that Mr Common, 26, from Ashington, Northumberland, could not get over the break-up of their relationship and had left macabre suicide notes about the "shotgun wedding" he planned for them.

Miss Horry said she broke off their engagement last year because of Mr Common's violence, but on November 26 he asked to meet her. She said: "I would not agree at first, then he reminded me it was the day we should have been married and he said he needed to talk. When he came he said he needed fresh air and wanted to go for a walk.



Common: revenge

"We walked along a country path and came to a garage-type building. He went ahead and then called me inside. He was crouching down and pulled a gun from his side.

"He fired from about 2ft. It hit me in the left arm. I screamed and started to run back towards the car. He chased after me and tripped me over. He stood over me and shot me again, hitting me me in the jaw. I looked up and saw him putting another cartridge into the gun. I got up and ran.

"When I looked back he was pointing the gun at his head. I heard a noise and looked back to see him lying on the ground. I don't know where he got the gun from. I had never seen it before. He must have had it inside his jacket when we went for the walk."

Leaving two motorists to tend Mr Common, Miss Horry drove to Hartburn to raise the alarm. A police helicopter flew her 30 miles to the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle where she underwent emergency surgery. An air ambulance took Mr Common to the same hospital, where he died.

Miss Horry said they became engaged five months after meeting in November 1992 and bought a house. She said: "After we started living together the relationship began to sour. He was violent towards me."

After an argument she moved back to her parents' house and called off the weddding. "He was very depressed and upset and told me he was thinking about committing suicide. He begged me to come back and said he would change his ways.

"After a few days I thought he was coming to terms with the break-up, but one afternoon he rang me and said he would hurt me and get revenge for what I'd done. He said he'd have the last laugh."

Detective Sergeant Jonathan Trafford, of Ashington CID, said: "We recovered a note from his pocket which was like a will. There were four other notes at his home. The letters referred to a shotgun wedding he was planning and asked for him and Amanda to be buried together."

The coroner recorded a verdict of suicide.

MARK RUNNACLES



Miss Horry leaving the inquest yesterday. She was shot in the arm and jaw

Vesuvius victims' teeth free of craters

By Nigel Hawkes

THE people of Herculaneum, who met an untimely end when Vesuvius erupted in 79AD, at least went to their graves with healthy teeth.

A team of Italian dentists and pathologists say that despite a diet rich in honey, the remains of 53 skeletons from Herculaneum show little evidence of tooth decay. The secret was a water supply containing plenty of fluoride.

The team, led by Dr Gino Fornaciari of the University of Pisa, studied 1,275 teeth from the people who died when Herculaneum was overwhelmed along with Pompeii. Only 49 of the teeth showed decay, they report in *The Lancet*. They are convinced that natural fluoride was responsible.

Two of the skeletons failed to show high fluoride levels. These, the authors speculate, were the unluckiest victims of all: members of the Roman aristocracy who happened to be staying at their villas in Herculaneum the day the volcano erupted.

PC says woman most violent he had dealt with

By Richard Duce

THE Jamaican illegal immigrant Joy Gardner was the most violent woman ever encountered by a police officer who helped colleagues to secure her with a gag and leather belts while trying to deport her, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

PC Brian Adamson, who was bitten by Mrs Gardner during the struggle, was called in to help three officers from Scotland Yard's Alien Deportation Squad to deport her from her home in Hornsey, north London, back to the West Indies in July 1993.

Along with another uniformed office and an immigration official it became clear to all six that Mrs Gardner, 40, had no intention of willingly complying with the deportation order, PC Adamson said.

Mrs Gardner was shouting and screaming at the officers, who were forced to cut the chain lock on her front door to gain entry to the first-floor flat where she lived with her young son. PC Adamson, who has 12 years' police experience during which he has been assaulted between 15 and 20 times, told the court: "She was certainly the most violent female I have ever encountered in my service."

He said that even after she was finally gagged and bound Mrs Gardner continued trying to scream and shout. She had continued to shake her head and screaming "as if in a fury". Minutes later it was noticed that she had stopped breathing and it was PC Adamson who unsuccessfully tried to administer mouth to mouth resuscitation.

The three officers working for the ADG, Detective Sergeant Linda Evans, 42, PC Colin Whitby, 48, and PC John Burrell, 49, all deny the manslaughter of Mrs Gardner, who died in hospital three days after the incident.

PC Adamson said that during the struggle he took hold of Mrs Gardner's arm. "She bit my left arm. I was in short sleeves. It was an extremely hard and painful bite."

Someone had shouted "Deck her" and Mrs Gardner and the other officers fell to the ground breaking a chair. He said PC Whitby then put restraint belts round her waist, thighs and ankles. "Tape was placed round her mouth by, I believe, PC Whitby." He added: "It started at the back of her head and wound round in between the teeth in the mouth. She was biting the tape and still shouting."

PC Adamson concluded: "I feel the force used on Mrs Gardner was reasonable in all the circumstances."

The prosecution alleges that Mrs Gardner suffocated after she was gagged with 13ft of adhesive tape.

The hearing continues.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Exercise: finding a healthy balance

By Dr Thomas Stuttaford

NICHOLAS FLEMING, the author and Oxfordshire landowner who died suddenly while playing tennis, was polite to the last. His final words, "I'm sorry", presumably an apology for making himself a nuisance by interrupting the match, would not have disgraced a hero in a book by his uncle Ian Fleming. Nicholas, 56, had had a coronary bypass after a heart attack six years ago and eventually resumed his energetic way of life.

Rehabilitation after a heart attack, or a bypass, should aim at a balance: so that the patient neither becomes too frightened to venture out — nor so obsessed by not changing his way of life that his heart is subjected to unnecessary stress. In his book on the medical aspects of exercise, Dr Henry Solomon gives warning that to push oneself to greater limits because one has no symptoms can lead to "unpredictable disasters. By planning a more modest level of exercise you help yourself remain on the side of safety".

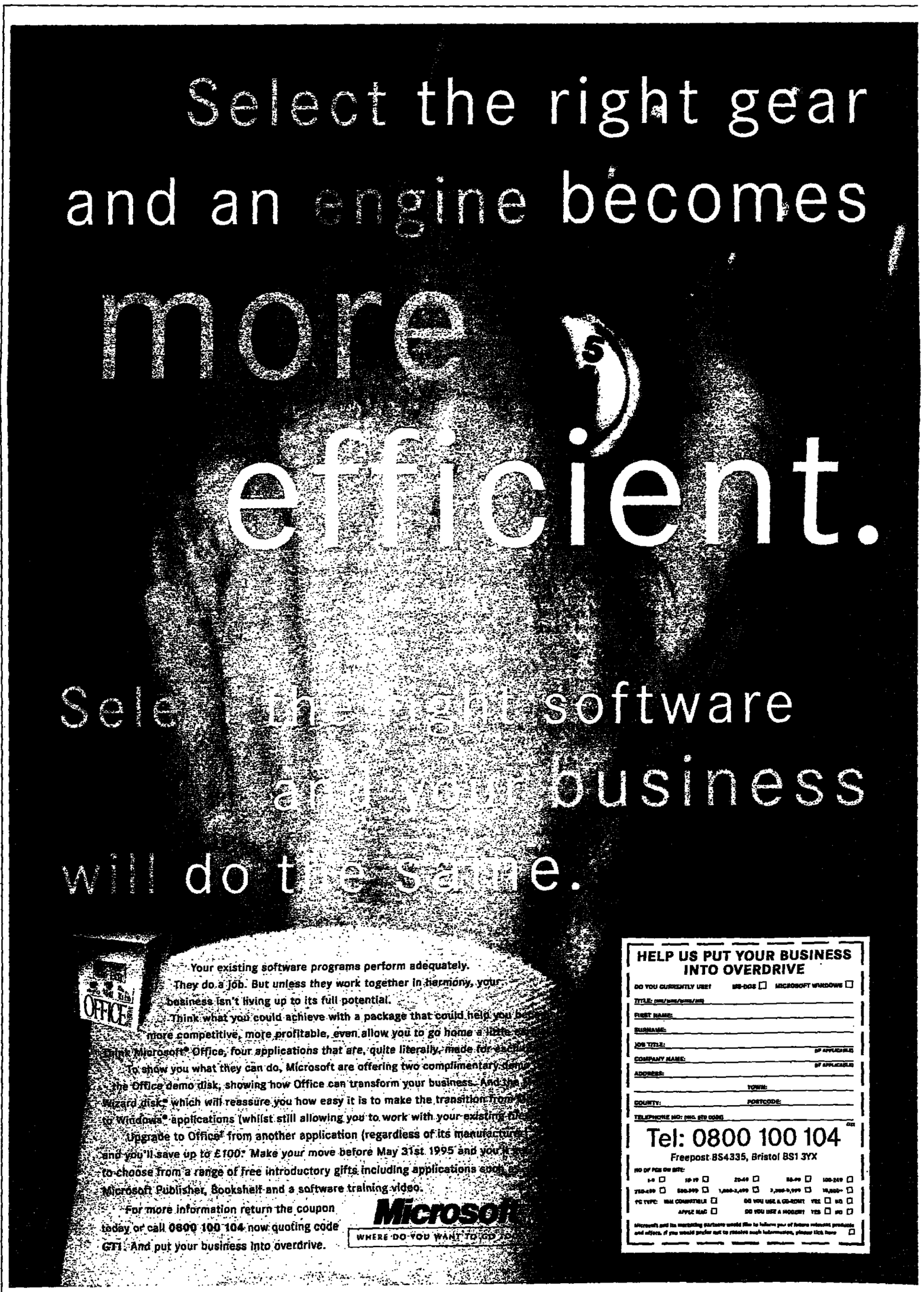
After somebody has had serious heart problems diagnosed the doctor should persuade them to take a degree of exercise that will keep their heart in reasonable trim, and their peripheral blood cells efficient in using the oxygen in the bloodstream, without subjecting the heart to such severe exertion that the blood pressure rockets, and its normal rhythm is lost.

Sudden death in a patient with heart disease which occurs during or soon after violent exercise or emotion usually has a different cause from that in cases of angina that has become worse.

Sometimes sudden death is the result of a rupture of one of the fatty plaques attached to the arterial wall; the debris of the plaque may be carried along the coronary arterial stream until it blocks a narrow section of artery. In other cases, death is from a sudden change in the heart's rhythm; this too may be precipitated by exercise or emotion.

The sensitivity of the heart's timing system, and its liability to develop an abnormal rhythm, is increased if the body's chemical balance is disturbed by heavy sweating during exercise, as in a game of squash.

The British Heart Foundation is funding research at St George's Hospital, Tooting, into deaths such as that of Mr Fleming. Patients are fitted with a 24-hour electrocardiogram recording machine to monitor the effect of exercise.



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Earth watches as dying spacecraft enters twilight zone

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

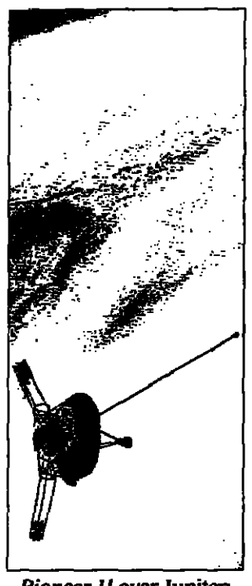
SCIENTISTS are this week listening for the failing heartbeat of a spacecraft carrying a message from the human race into infinity.

Four billion miles away, *Pioneer 11* is about to lapse into silence more than 22 years after it was launched from Cape Canaveral in Florida. When it does, any future contact it makes with intelligent beings will leave them pondering over a plaque bearing the image of a naked man and woman, the man's palm raised in greeting.

The craft was designed to explore the outer planets, Jupiter and Saturn, then sail into interstellar space. Aware that it might one day be intercepted by aliens, Nasa placed the "visiting card" aboard. There is also a diagram of the hydrogen atom, a locator map identifying the position of the Sun and a diagram of the solar system. From this, it was believed, strangers could work out where *Pioneer 11* had come from.

Pioneer 11, whose odyssey began in 1973, is now so distant that its fading signals — a mere four billionths of a trillionth of a watt — take more than six hours to reach Earth. Nasa officials are to conduct one final test that could extinguish those signals for ever.

Next week engineers will contact *Pioneer 11* to see if it can operate at a reduced voltage. There is a risk that this may shut the spacecraft down but it is worth taking because, according to Fred Wirth, the project manager, its days are numbered: by August it is expected to have too little power to operate its scientific experiments.



Pioneer 11 over Jupiter: an artist's impression

"For all intents and purposes, after August the mission of the spacecraft is over because what good is a spacecraft if it doesn't return science data? You can't justify spending money on no data," Mr Wirth said. "That's why we're using *Pioneer 11* at its last moments to see how it functions on reduced power."

Pioneer 11's sister ship, *Pioneer 10*, is even further away. Both use the decay of radioactive plutonium to provide their power. The two spacecraft were virtual twins but for reasons that are not understood *Pioneer 10*'s power supply has lasted better. Already the most remote object ever made by man, it is 5.8 billion miles away and is expected to go on sending data for another three or four years.

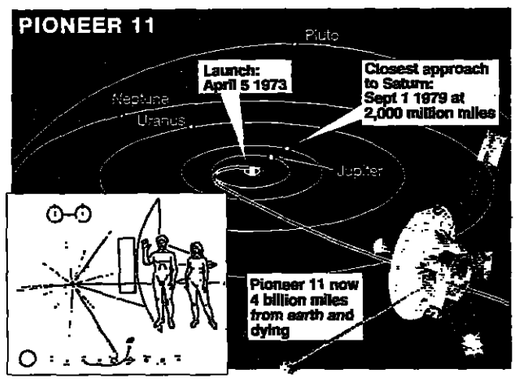
James Van Allen, a physicist at the University of Iowa and discoverer of the radiation belts around the Earth that bear his name, has experiments on both craft that continue to work well.

He said: "The new tests planned this month may result in a loss of orientation and a loss of tracking. I don't discount that totally." However, he hopes that *Pioneer 11* will survive a little longer. "I still have the strong impression that the funeral is a little bit premature."

The longevity of the two spacecraft, built by TRW Inc in California, has astonished engineers. *Pioneer 10* was launched in March 1972, *Pioneer 11* in April 1973. Both visited Jupiter and *Pioneer 11* flew on to Saturn, making the first observations at close quarters in 1975. It discovered Saturn's eleventh moon, the fact that the planet has a magnetic field a thousand times stronger than Earth's, and two new rings.

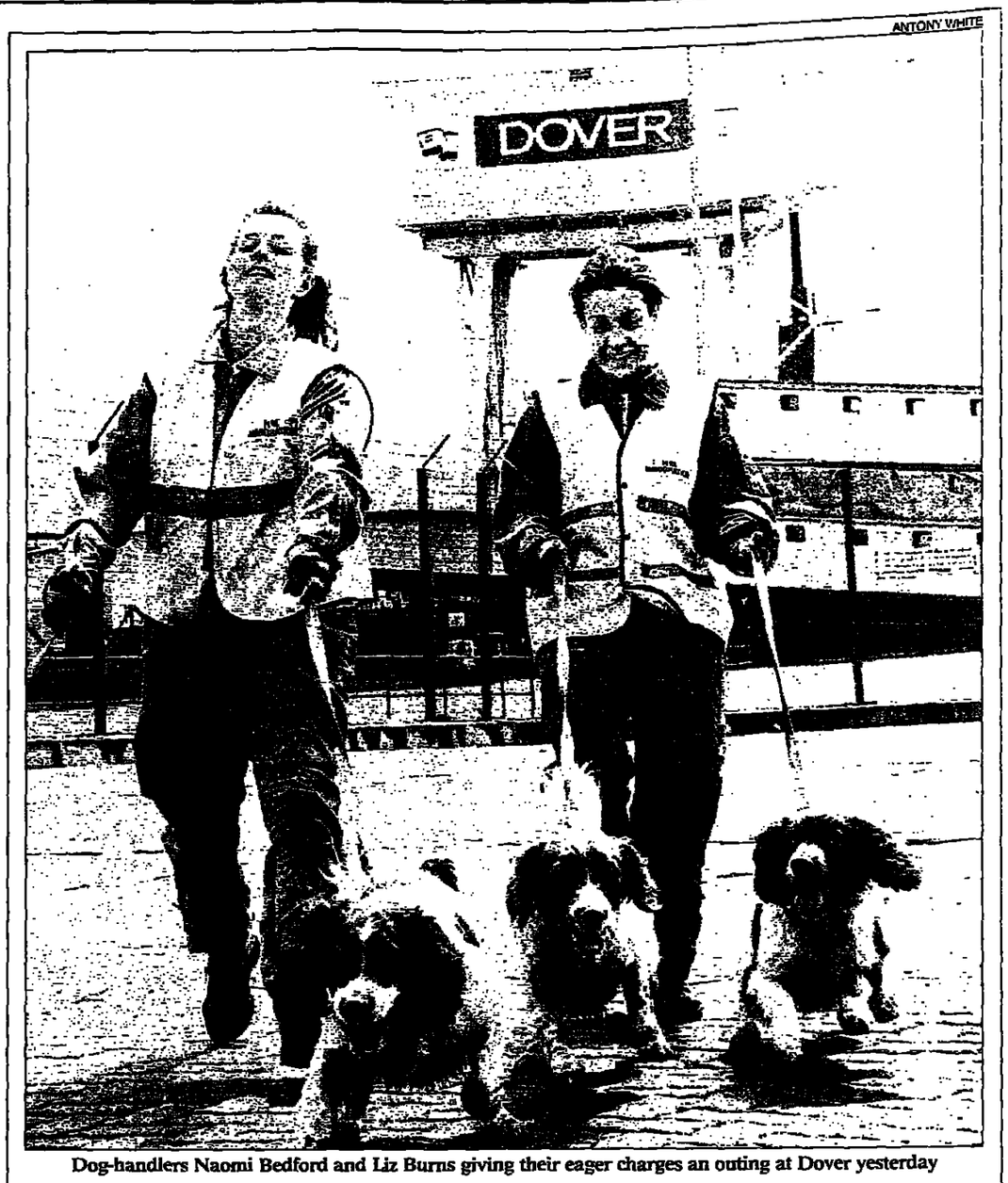
In 1990, it passed beyond the orbits of the planets, continuing to send back data about cosmic radiation. The precise paths followed by the two spacecraft have since been used to calculate whether there is a tenth planet in the solar system. The results suggest that if there is, it approaches the Sun only every 700 to 1,000 years.

Whatever happens in the tests, there will be no stopping either spacecraft, which will continue silently into space for ever. "I feel pretty sad to see the old bird fold up," Dr Van Allen said. "But it's had a glorious history."



Pioneer 11's course and, inset, its "calling card"

ANTONY WHITE



Dog-handlers Naomi Bedford and Liz Burns giving their eager charges an outing at Dover yesterday

Spaniels hunt hidden immigrants

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

SPRINGER spaniels deployed to sniff out immigrants being smuggled into Britain are to be used at key ports in southern England as part of a drive to stop illegal entrants from the Continent.

The number of dogs is to be doubled after a 12-month successful pilot scheme at Dover, where four dogs detected 150 illegal entrants concealed in lorries behind false walls and floors. The immigration service has decided to make the Dover operation permanent and an extra four spaniels will enable random dog detection at Harwich, Felixstowe, Newhaven, Portsmouth, Poole and Southampton.

Nicholas Baker, the Immigration Minister, said yesterday during a visit to Dover: "Bill, Millar, Jake and Bruno have proved their worth at Dover time and again. They are lively animals, very friendly and very good at their job."

The dogs, usually given to the immigration service by the public or taken from homes for abandoned animals, are trained at the armed services' defence animal centre where they search out pieces of pork, which most closely resemble human scent.

Christine Penny, an immigration officer and dog handler at Dover, said that the spaniels were ideal for the work because of their hunting and retrieving instincts. If during a 7½-hour shift at Dover the dogs detect no illegal immigrants, someone is concealed in a building to allow the dogs one successful detection. Andy Cole, the chief immigration officer, said: "If we did not do that the dogs would become bored."

The spaniels have proved more effective in discovering illegal immigrants than the latest technology, including heat-seeking equipment.

☐ *Three Romanian illegal immigrants* were under arrest yesterday after being seen cutting their way out of a darkened lorry near Reading, Berkshire.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Convicted killer's case is re-opened

Cambridgeshire Police have reopened the case of Mark Sale, 27, a mentally subnormal man sentenced in 1985 to life imprisonment for a frenzied knife attack on Brian Mehew, an accountant.

The decision follows a 20-month inquiry into the case by a solicitor for Sale with the help of a private investigator and a journalist. The evidence implicates Christopher Beals, a friend of Sale and Mehew, who apparently boasted about the murder to friends. Beals hanged himself in 1991.

Driving test rise

The cost of the basic driving test is to rise by £1 to £28.50 from May 29. The increase applies to tests on weekdays before 4.30pm. The daytime weekday motorcycle test fee also rises £1 to £36 but lorry and bus fees are unchanged.

Murder plot

David Adams, cousin of the Sinn Fein president, was jailed for 25 years by Belfast Crown Court for conspiracy to murder. Adams, 36, of Bunbeg Park, Belfast, was arrested in February last year with two rifles, a pistol and a bomb.

Dealer tipped off

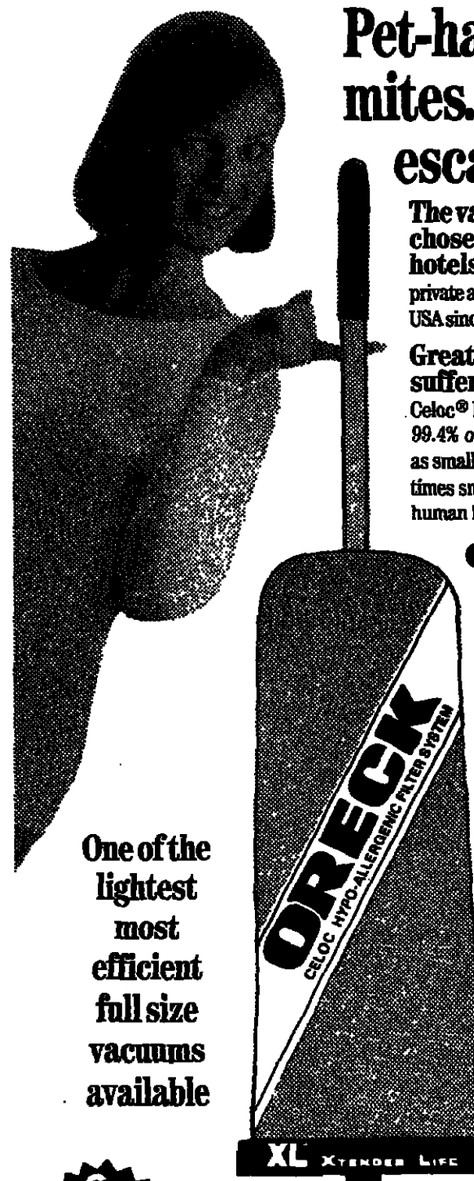
Phillip Mills, 22, a TSB cashier at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, who tipped off a drugs pusher that the police were examining his account, was jailed for 28 days by Aylesbury Crown Court for prejudicing a police inquiry.

Ain't that a shame

Fats Domino, the 67-year-old American rock and roll artist, pulled out of last night's concert with Chuck Berry and Little Richard at Wembley Arena, London, after being taken to hospital in Sheffield with an infection.

Harassment win

An estate agent who claimed her boss sexually harassed her won £800 compensation at a tribunal in Nottingham. Rosalyn Hall said Anthony Hancock, manager of Homefinders, stared at her cleavage and propositioned her.



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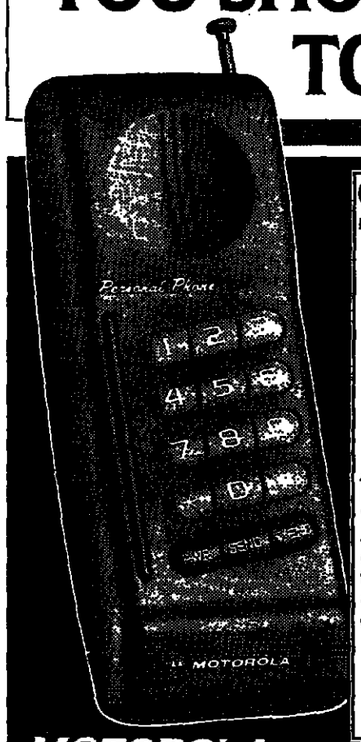
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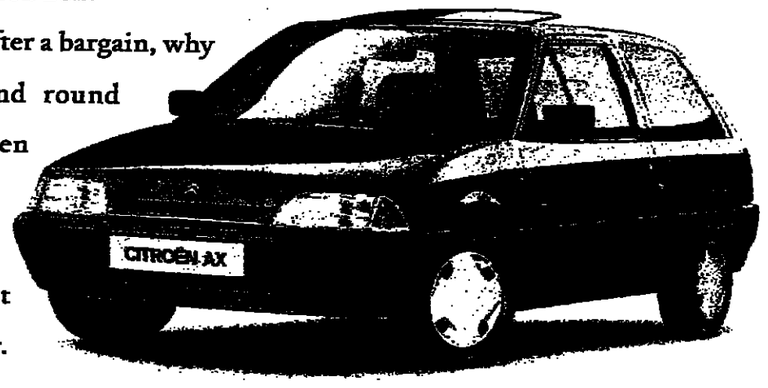
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Government promises it will seize the opportunity to restore confidence in Parliament

The public expect us to get this right, says Hunt

BY ALICE THOMSON, JAMES LANDALE AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

PROMPT government action on the Nolan committee's recommendations is essential to restoring the public's faith in Parliament, Daivd Hunt, the Public Service Minister, told the Commons yesterday.

He said that the Government welcomed the broad thrust of the report and supported its aim of bringing greater clarity to guidelines on standards in public life.

But he warned MPs that the issues were complex and detailed. "We must ensure that the recommendations would indeed achieve their aims. The public expect us to get this right. It's too important to get it wrong.

"Some proposals are straightforward but others do need to be looked at very carefully to ensure that the improvements in the rules and procedures are carried forward in the most effective manner, with the least room for grey areas."

Right-wing Tories protested against making "panic responses" to the recent wave of sleaze allegations and insisted that the job could not be done overnight. Labour MPs complained that the Government was prevaricating. Both sides of the House called for any material changes in MPs' terms to be decided through statute and not simply through a resolution of the House.

Opening the debate on the report, with Lord Nolan and several committee members

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watching from the public gallery, Mr Hunt said: "Wherever existing guidelines may have seemed open to varying interpretation, the report seeks to restore clarity of direction and above all we must ensure that objective is secured.

"The Government fully supports those aims and welcomes the broad thrust of the recommendations, so far as they affect the Government. It is ready to take early action."

But he promised that MPs would have the final say in any changes to their working practices.

Neither the Prime Minister nor Tony Blair, the Labour leader, was on the front bench but Tory backbenchers packed the House. The former Tory minister Tristan Garel-Jones was the first senior figure in the party to demand careful deliberation to avoid getting it wrong. Labour backbenchers jeered when he suggested the details should be referred to a senior committee of the House to restore confidence with "clarity and care".

Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton SW) gave warning against a "panic response" and called for any material changes in MPs' terms of office to be decided through "slow deliberation" by statute, which would "bite at the beginning of the next Parliament".

Ann Taylor, Shadow Leader of the House, intervened to attack any attempt to slow the pace of reform, recalling that Mr Major had asked the committee to make its first report within six months because of the "urgency and great weight of public concern". She said: "If it was important that Lord Nolan report in that timescale, surely it is important that the Commons should take action as quickly as possible."

Tony Wright (Lab, Cannock and Burntwood) said that to "delay and prevaricate" would merely compound the problem that the committee was set up to resolve.

Mr Hunt said the report had provided an excellent opportunity to restore public confidence in the system. "We should seize that opportunity and not seek to divert debate down a party political channel. In all cases the House will have the final say."

Lord Nolan looked surprised as MP after MP intervened to criticise the report. After repeated interruptions, Mr Hunt turned to the committee's recommendations on questions of procedure for ministers. "It is self-evident that the integrity of ministers must not be in doubt — whether during their service to our nation or in what they do afterwards," he said.

"The Government therefore intends to implement Lord Nolan's recommendation that proposals by former ministers to take up appointments after they leave public office should be brought within the scope of Lord Carlisle's Advisory Committee on business appointments."

There were details still to be resolved, for example on the time limit for their returning to an earlier profession unconnected with their government work, and on striking "the right balance between openness and privacy".

He had told the Nolan committee that present rules for ministers were sufficient to uphold standards in public life but that the Government would carefully consider his recommendations. "Lord Nolan's report finds that these standards remain high and the problem lies mainly in public perception rather than in the facts. I accept that. Also I accept the need to rebuild public confidence. We are therefore glad to accept Lord Nolan's recommendation, which I believe will reinforce confidence that British public life maintains the highest possible standards."

Mr Hunt said the Government would look "constructively" at the committee's recommendations on the Civil Service, and include them in consultation on a proposed new code for civil servants. "When we complete that process we will introduce the code. I am convinced by the Nolan committee's recommendation that we should not wait for legislation."

To Labour jeers, Mr Hunt said that Nolan had found no decline in standards in non-departmental public bodies, or quangos, and NHS bodies, where Mr Hunt said the "need for integrity is as great as it is for ministers and the Civil

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Garel-Jones: clarity and care needed



Taylor: pressed for swift action



Budgen: warned against panic

Sleaze inquiries threaten MPs' holiday plans

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ALLEGATIONS of Commons sleaze threaten to disrupt MPs' summer holiday plans as they struggle to clear a backlog of investigations into their colleagues' behaviour.

A stack of complaints against MPs has given two Commons investigative committees an unprecedented workload that could force them to continue their inquiries during the summer recess. Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons, has already been asked to relax rules that bar one of the committees from sitting in the recess.

The pressure on the Privileges Committee and the Members' Interests Committee has increased because of the likelihood that the present system of investigating breaches of Commons rules will be disbanded later this year. They need to clear their caseload in readiness for some of their functions to be taken over by Lord Nolan's proposed independent ethics officer.

The Privileges Committee, which is likely to investigate the "cash-for-amendments" allegations against Sir Jerry Wiggin, is already heavily embroiled in an inquiry into accusations relating to Jonathan Aitken's stay at the Ritz hotel in Paris. It is in limbo until mid-June, the first opportunity it will have to interview Peter Preston, editor-in-chief of *The Guardian*, a key witness to the inquiry.

The Privileges Committee, the most senior Commons select committee, will then face calls from some MPs to interview Mr Aitken and Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of the Ritz, over the newspaper's faking of a letter purporting to be from Mr Aitken.

The committee's work will not be complete even then. Last year Betty Boothroyd, the Commons Speaker, ordered it to conduct an inquiry into rules governing payments to MPs.

The Members' Interests Committee also faces a hefty schedule, although it is already abble to sit during the recess. Its present inquiry into allegations against the former industry minister Neil Hamilton broke up in disarray on Tuesday when Labour MPs walked out in protest at the way it was being conducted. Even if the inter-party wrangle over the inquiry is resolved, the committee has three further complaints to consider.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, has been accused of failing to declare a visit to Washington on Concorde, a trip which he claims was justified because he formed part of cross-party delegation representing Parliament. John Prescott, his deputy, has also to defend himself against an allegation that he failed to divulge a stay at Gleneagles paid for by the Conoco oil firm, although he argues that it was part of his parliamentary duties.

Teresa Gorman, the Tory MP for Billericay, must answer allegations, which she denies, that she tabled a private member's Bill restricting tenants' rights without declaring that she rented out property.

The Hamilton inquiry is being hampered by a long-running dispute between Tory and Labour MPs over the unusual appointment to the committee of Andrew Mitchell, a government whip. Tensions are expected to increase over the coming weeks and Mr Newton has been warned by Labour that, if the committee continues with Mr Mitchell as a member, Labour MPs may boycott any future investigations. Tory members have accused the Labour MPs of using delaying tactics to avoid an inquiry into Mr Blair's trip.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY In the Commons: questions to Home Office ministers were followed by the debate on the Nolan committee's report on standards in public life. In the Lords: peers debated the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill, committee stage, the Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (Northern Ireland) Order, European Union reports on bathing water and the potential environmental impact of the proliferation of road signs.

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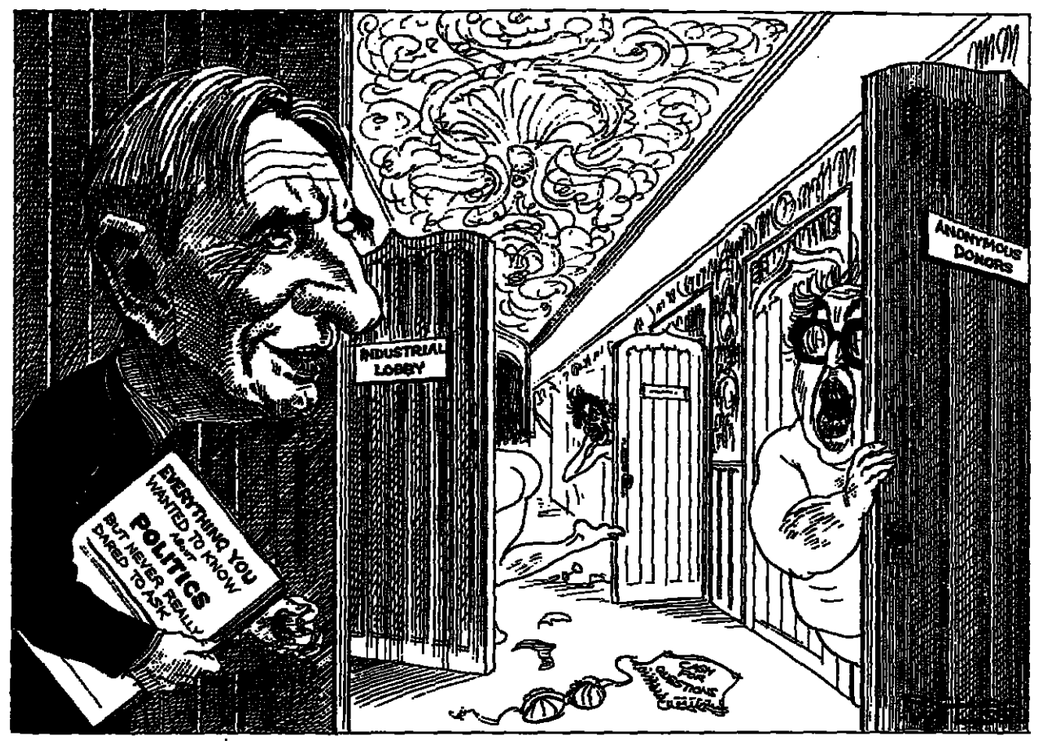
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Labour demands action now. Tories warn against panic measures

Taylor calls for positive decisions before summer



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Service". He praised the often unpaid work of people on such bodies, although several Labour MPs intervened to say that they were mostly Tories.

"The report offers a conclusive rebuttal of the allegations that have been hurled, without any evidence and without any justification, at people who give their own time and energy to serve the nation in a public capacity," Mr Hunt replied.

The Nolan committee had endorsed the key principles underlying the present system of appointments to the bodies. The Government was acting to improve the transparency and independence of the appointments process.

The Government was also ready to tighten rules on the conduct of quango members. "In this way we aim to show beyond any doubt at all that the rules are being followed."

In particular the Government accepted the need to review the legal framework governing propriety and accountability across a wide range of public bodies, and work on that was underway.

Mr Hunt concluded that the Government would give a detailed response before the summer recess to recommendations the committee had singled out for early action. "No individual must act in a way that calls their integrity into question ... Integrity must remain our watchword. We all share responsibility in this House and elsewhere, for reinforcing public confidence in public service, and this Government will do everything necessary to ensure that the quality of the British public service remains and is clearly seen to be the best in the world."

For Labour, Mrs Taylor congratulated Lord Nolan and called for the swift implementation of his committees recommendations. "The report does not contain all the answers to the problems that face us but then it doesn't claim to. It is an important first step.

"I am not convinced myself that the recommendations from Nolan can be the last word on the issue. We will want to monitor developments and return to this matter when necessary."

She pointed to the different attitude Mr Hunt had expressed when he gave evidence to the committee in February and said the Government was still complacent about the public concerns. "I am very glad that today [Mr Hunt] has backed down in indicated that the Government will now accept the Nolan recommendations on ministers' employment."

She continued: "No one could, should and I hope would condone a blanket condemnation of all MPs. It's simply not the case that all MPs behave as badly as the few who have brought this House into disrepute. But to imply there is no real problem does our reputation no good whatsoever."

> "We know far more of what is going on than any bureaucrat brought in from outside"

Nigel Spearing (Lab, Newham S) intervened to say that too many MPs regarded a seat in the Commons "as a negotiable asset for private gain rather than a basis for a vocation".

Mrs Taylor accepted the committee's recommendations about quangos "would certainly make a difference". But she added: "Public concern is not just about who is on quangos but also about the powers and spending ability that quangos have today.

She welcomed the committee's recommendation that MPs should disclose their earnings for providing parliamentary services in the Register of Members Interests. She said it was "extrememly important" work began on this within a few weeks.

"I want to see these new arrangements — or at least a framework for them — in place by the autumn. This House must make positive decisions before the summer recess and as early as possible."

Coming under constant pressure from Tory MPs to reveal her past involvement in parliamentary lobbying, Mrs Taylor accused them of trying to create "a smokescreen so that they can bury the Nolan report". She said that some MPs were under a misapprehension that the appointment of a new Commissioner for Standards would undermine the sovereignty of the House. "That is not the case."

Intervening, Anthony Steen (C, South Hams) won support from fellow Tories when he protested: "I deeply resent the inference in Nolan that all of us are crooks." He challenged Mrs Taylor on whether "all the problems you say exist would be solved by appointing "an ethics officer".

She replied that such a charge was a slur on Lord Nolan and his committee. "I don't think there is any suggestion in the report that suggests all Members of the House are crooks. And I think Members of this House resent Members on any side making such allegations."

The former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath attacked the Nolan committee as a threat to Parliament's sovereignty. "It is going to be a serious blow to democracy in this country," he said. "It is going to damage this House."

He said that any Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards would just be a "bureaucrat" brought in from outside who would be unable to know what really went on in Westminster. "We in this House know far more of what is going on with our fellow Members than any bureaucrat brought in from outside.

"What can this gentleman do? He can't come into the smoke room and say, 'By the way, have you heard so--and-so about so-and-so? Do you think I ought to look at that?' Of course not!

"What saddens me about Lord Nolan is that he is an admirable judge but to me he seems to lack a certain worldliness, of realising what actually goes on in this world of ours."

He attacked Mrs Taylor's demand for haste in implementing the Nolan report and said public unease over the behaviour of MPs was minute compared to unease over other aspects of our national life. He knew of only two incidents of improper activity by MPs in his 45 years in the House, which it was quite able to deal with itself. "We have now reached a stage where every man and woman in this House is an object of suspicion. I don't believe it is satisfactory."

> "Lack of public confidence in the House is a very serious threat to parliamentary democracy"

Sir Edward gave warning of the danger posed by the press to MPs' individual privacy if they had to declare all their earnings in the Register of Members' interests.

Peter Shore, Labour MP and a member of the Nolan committee, underlined the importance of the recommendation that income from parliamentary related work should be divulged. "There is a real distinction between the receipt of £1,000 a year for small services and £10,000 for larger services." Although very few MPs fell below the standards expected by the public, there was a "need for greater clarity of our rules of personal conduct".

Tristan Garel-Jones, a consultant to BP, said that there were inevitable and valuable contacts between the company's public affairs team and MPs. The Commons should be careful in drawing up detailed guidance for MPs to ensure that such work could continue. "What I want is clear guidance. If the House gives me guidance which is not acceptable to me, then I will take the consequences of that and so will the House."

The former Tory minister Tom King spoke of the public having lost faith in MPs. "If this House doesn't command the confidence of the British people that is a very serious threat to our Parliamentary democracy."

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Shambolic debate proves urgency of speedy change

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Parliamentary self-regulation is near to breakdown. That has been dramatised by the Wiggin affair and by yesterday's shambolic, self-absorbed and complacent Commons debate on the Nolan report. It is impossible any longer to have confidence in the regulatory procedures of the Commons. The privileges committee is unwieldy and has been undermined by party divisions, which have now paralysed the members' interests committee. Implementation of the streamlined regulatory machinery proposed by Nolan is urgent.

That presents the Speaker with an acute dilemma over Sir Jerry Wiggin's admitted use of a colleague's name to promote an amendment without his consent. While most MPs favour tough action against Sir Jerry, any inquiry could take until the end of the year, with no guarantee of agreement then. The alternative would be for Sir Jerry to make a grovelling apology in a personal Commons statement, but that might be seen as weakness. Both sides of the House have agreed to delay action until Sir Jerry returns to the country at the weekend. Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, is in an unenviable position. Conscious of the recent damage done to Parliament's reputation, her frustration was apparent on Wednesday when she said: "It is about time that every member realised what is expected of us and behaved accordingly."

MPs were at their worst yesterday, quarrelsome, inward-looking and self-interested. Lord Nolan and his colleagues sitting in the gallery must have been appalled at how their report was misrepresented. Anthony Steen even claimed that the report said MPs were crooks, which is the opposite of what is said. Only Tom King, a member of the Nolan committee, pointed out how public confidence in MPs had fallen.

The Tory backlash against Nolan was startling in its extent and depth. No one could remember when Sir Edward Heath has been so loudly cheered by his own side. This reaction presents acute political problems for John Major. The main recommendations affecting parliament can now probably only be carried with Labour and Liberal Democrat votes. So do not expect early action from the Government.

The Tory attacks against Nolan are not only self-interested but also misplaced — largely reflecting their own failure to remedy abuses. The Nolan report was a cautious exercise in reformism, stopping well short of the overwhelmingly puritan mood of the public. According to the recent MORI poll for the Rowntree Reform Trust's State of the Nation survey, three-quarters of the public believe MPs should be banned for receiving money for doing anything in Parliament for commerical interests, while nearly half think MPs should not be allowed to have any paid job outside Parliament. MPs would be full-time with no other paid work. That view is rejected by Nolan, who only proposes bans on links with multi-client consultancies. What infuriates Tory MPs is that they would have to declare earnings from consultancies related to being members, but this would not apply to independent business interests.

Claims by Tory MPs that the Nolan proposals would deter people from becoming MPs or seeking to be ministers, and would therefore dramatically change the Commons, are absurd. The real problem is the decreasing number of new MPs with non-political experience in business. The Nolan proposals would have no effect on MPs with genuine outside business interests.

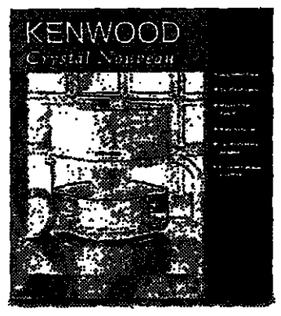
Tory MPs may achieve some watering down of the Nolan proposals, but the political cost could be enormous. Labour now has a potentially big opportunity to portray the Tories as reluctant to improve standards in the Commons — provided it is willing to clean up its own relations with the unions. The Tory reaction and the debate will have further damaged the standing of the Commons and increased public contempt for the antics of MPs.

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Senate's Whitewater vote casts pall over Clinton

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

GLOOM gripped the White House yesterday, following the Senate decision to reopen investigations into the Whitewater affair which has further threatened President Clinton's chances of re-election next year.

Although the President is more popular in the wake of the Oklahoma bombing and the signs are of increasing divisions within the Republican party, the shadow of Whitewater has left his aides far less optimistic for 1996.

Morale has not been helped by the Senate, which voted 96 votes to three to create a Watergate-style panel extending televised Whitewater investigations from July until February next year, just three weeks before the important New Hampshire primary.

"Some questions raised by Whitewater go to the heart of our democratic system," said Senator Alfonse D'Amato, the aggressive New York Republican who will chair the hearings. "We must ascertain whether purely private interests have been placed above the public trust."

The White House said the President and Hillary Clinton were confident that a review of the facts would "continue to show the amorphous and ever-shifting Whitewater charges are without merit". Indeed, a "smoking gun", making a specific link of illegality between Whitewater and the President or his wife, has yet to be found. But the trail of evidence which appears to have engulfed the Clintons' closest associates, and which is to be studied by the new committee, could prove a political time bomb.



Clinton: election chances under renewed threat

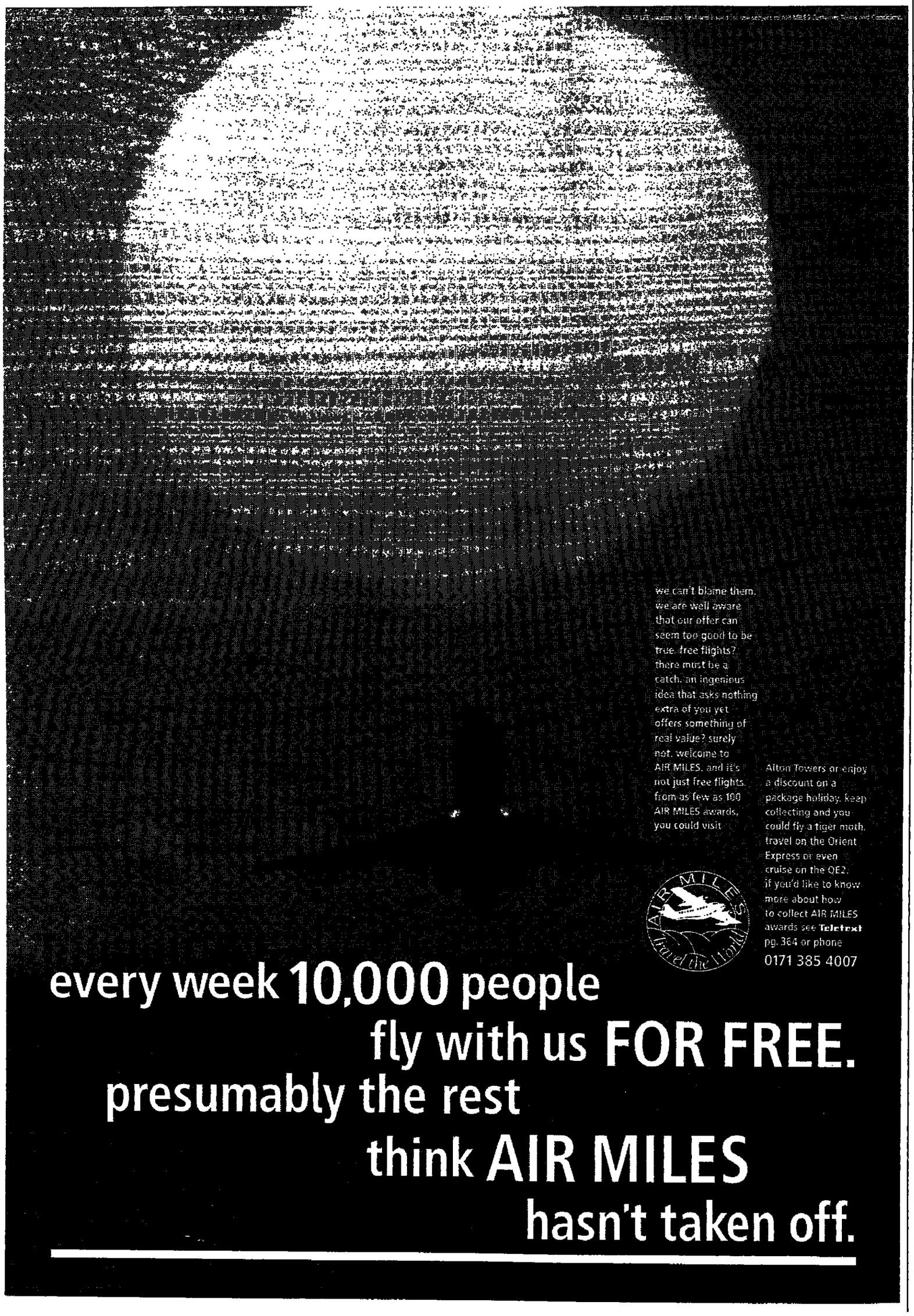
The investigation will start with the death of Vincent Foster, the former White House deputy counsel and the Clintons' personal lawyer, which although officialy ruled a suicide, has raised unanswered questions pointing to murder. Mr D'Amato and his colleagues are to examine whether Whitewater papers removed from Mr Foster's office were destroyed or mishandled after his death. They were taken by Bernard Nussbaum, the White House counsel who has since resigned, Patsy Thomasson, a Clinton supporter in Arkansas, and Margaret Williams, the President's chief of staff.

Whether administration officials interfered with an inquiry by government bankruptcy officials into Madison Guaranty, the failed savings and loan institution owned by James McDougal, will also be investigated. Mr McDougal was the Clintons' partner in their plan to develop holiday homes in a northern Arkansas tract known as Whitewater. Finally, the panel will concentrate on events leading up to Mr Clinton's campaign for the Arkansas governorship in 1990, and whether Bruce Lindsey, a confidant of the President, withdrew money from a rural bank without telling the Internal Revenue Service.

Last summer's Whitewater hearings were run by Mr Clinton's fellow Democrats. They led to the resignations of Roger Altman, the Deputy Treasury Secretary, and Jean Hanson, the general counsel, over allegations they had not been forthright with Congress. The new hearings run by the Republicans will be much more rigorous.



A woman showing symptoms of the lethal Ebola fever lies in Kikwit hospital, in Zaire, yesterday, awaiting test results. Experts have so far identified 114 cases of Ebola virus infection in southwestern Zaire and 79 people have died, the World Health Organisation said (Our Foreign Staff writes). An outbreak of Ebola in the Ivory Coast last year may have been prevented by a French medical team which says a strain of the virus that infected a zoologist doing research into chimpanzees was different from any other strain identified. It did not spread and the patient recovered.



More arrests as police foil new cult bomb plot

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

POLICE yesterday arrested more key members of Aum Shinrikyo, the religious cult accused of carrying out the sarin gas attack on Tokyo's subway system, and said they had foiled another terrorist plot by some cult members.

They also said they had found a big cache of nerve gas ingredients in a secret underground chamber at the cult's headquarters, according to the *Asahi Shimbun*. The 275 drums of chemicals suggest that the cult planned to produce the gas on a huge scale.

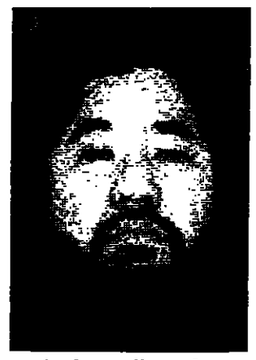
Takeshi Matsumoto, 29, was arrested with another cult member. Mr Matsumoto, who is not officially a suspect in the gas attack, was wanted in connection with the kidnapping in February and suspected murder of a cult member's brother, and is regarded as extremely dangerous. Alone among cult members, he featured on "wanted" posters after the subway attack. He had undergone plastic surgery around his eyes and an operation to remove the skin from his fingertips.

Yesterday's arrests bring to 28 the number of cult members held this week. Among them is the man who police believe led the team which carried out the subway attack. Yoshihiro Inoue, the cult's "intelligence chief", had in his possession the ingredients to make a powerful bomb, and was planning a terrorist attack to prevent police moving in on Shoko Asahara, the cult leader, police said.

However, the half-blind, 40-year-old cult leader has steadfastly denied any involvement in the attack. At first he claimed that nobody with eyesight as bad as his could possibly have orchestrated the subway attack. Police interrogators said that Mr Asahara had since alternated between maintaining complete silence and "making small talk" during questioning.

Mr Asahara yesterday pursued a different tack by trying to distance himself from his followers, according to Japanese media reports. He asked the police officer interrogating him how many subordinates he had. When the officer replied that he supervised eight people, Mr Asahara said: "I have so many followers, I don't know what they have done."

Investigators fear it may be difficult to link Mr Asahara directly to the attack and some top cult officials insist that he is "only a symbolic figure" and not involved in daily cult affairs.



Asahara: distancing himself from followers

Arabs incensed by US land veto

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ARAB fury against the United States erupted yesterday and Israeli officials said relations with the Arab world had sunk to their lowest since the 1980s after Washington used its veto to block a United Nations Security Council resolution calling on Israel to rescind plans to seize 133 acres of annexed east Jerusalem.

The strength of feeling on the issue, likely to be voiced in a limited Arab summit in Morocco this month, put paid to Israeli hopes of building on recent peace deals with the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Jordan to normalise ties with other Arab states. In Jordan, the Government of King Husain was coming under increasing parliamentary pressure to withdraw its new ambassador from Tel Aviv and freeze the treaty signed last October.

Leaders of militant Muslim groups raised the prospect of renewed violence against American targets after Washington used its veto for the first time in five years and reinforced an already deep-rooted conviction that the UN is prepared to take punitive action against Arab states such as Iraq and Libya while doing nothing to prevent Israel breaking international law.

"America heads those countries who are hostile to Muslims and the oppressed and, by its veto, it is challenging the feelings of one billion Muslims and it is pushing them to move to stop this unjust policy," Sheikh Nafez Assam, of the Islamic Jihad group, said in Gaza.

The PLO said that the move had caused the Palestinians to "lose faith in the United States at a time when the peace process was already close to collapse". Marwan Kanafani, chief spokesman for Yassir Arafat, said: "The US has lost its status as an honest broker. It is like having a third man in the ring rooting for one of the fighters."

Israel Radio reported that the news of the American veto had brought about the failure of a multilateral session of the peace negotiations which was under way in Switzerland. Faisal Husseini, chief PLO delgate at the stormy meeting in Montreux, said: "This American position ... is hurting deeply the whole peace process."

Jordan told the United States Ambassador in Amman that the American move, largely prompted by domestic American politics, had been both "immoral and hypocritical". Israel, however, tried to shrug off the matter. Speaking in Paris, Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, said dismissively: "It is a lot of noise about a little story."



Renegades flout authority of law in new Wild West

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN ROUNDUP, MONTANA

THE lawless "Wild West" is making a comeback in the vast and empty state of Montana. Three miles up a dirt track that winds into the Bull Mountains behind this remote town of 2,000 inhabitants, three heavily-armed fugitives have been holed up for weeks in a log house surrounded by an electric fence and signs warning that attacks on this "sovereign" property will be forcibly resisted. They are brazenly defying the outgunned forces of law and order to come and arrest them.

Such defiance is spreading like brushfire across a state where rugged individualism is still revered and hatred of government is as intense as anywhere in America.

In Jordan, a town 150 miles to the north-east, the sheriff and country prosecutor quickly formed an 85-strong citizens' posse last year after three dozen men who refused to recognise any form of government occupied the courthouse and offered $1 million bounties for the arrest of local officials. They said they would "try" the officials for treason and hang them if found guilty.

In Darby, near the Idaho border, a paramilitary group leader named Calvin Greenup has for months staved off the seizure of his ranch in lieu of unpaid taxes, and his arrest on charges of conspiring against government officials, by threatening to "go down shooting". When a National Guard helicopter circled his 250 acres in February, 20 armed associates arrived within 30 minutes to defend them.

In the Swann Valley, near the Canadian border, Gordon Selner remains free a year after wounding a police officer because the authorities fear a shootout if they storm his cabin. "This is absolute lawlessness," says Ken Toole, director of Montana's Human Rights Network which monitors this fast-spreading phenomenon. "There are groups of armed men facing down local law enforcement."

Roundup's three fugitives — Rodney Skurdal, LeRoy Schweitzer and Daniel Petersen — belong to the Freemen, the political wing of Montana's flourishing militia movement that boasts up to 500 members. The Freemen reject all government, refuse to pay taxes, drive cars without licence plates and decline even to use postcodes. They proclaim their land "sovereign territory", print their own money orders and have moved to establish their own common-law judicial system. They are mostly white males who consider Jews satanic, blacks "mud people", and themselves as America's only legitimate settlers.

> "Defiance has spread like a brushfire and hatred of government is intense"

Mr Skurdal and his colleagues have issued a "citizens declaration of war" against government officials, and are wanted on an array of charges ranging from fomenting violence to tax evasion. On paper, though not in practice, the Internal Revenue Service seized the house in which they are barricaded in 1993.

From his courthouse office on Roundup's Main Street John Bohlman, the Musselshell County prosecutor, presses for their arrest but Paul Smith, sheriff, is desperate to avoid an armed confrontation. He has just four deputies. The FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies are equally reluctant to storm the building, and with good reason. They have been scalded by the denunciations of their 1993 assault on the Branch Davidians' Waco compound that left 80 dead, and of their 1992 attack on Randy Weaver's Idaho log cabin during which the white separatist's wife and son were killed. Those incidents led indirectly to the Oklahoma City bombing and greatly boosted a militia movement that claims the Government wants to repress the people.

Mr Bohlman's other problem is public sentiment. "A lot of people in this community say you should leave these guys alone so long as they don't hurt people," he says. Some sympathisers even supply the fugitives with food.

Despite Ross Perot's 19 million protest votes in 1992, the electorate's resounding rejection of government in November's congressional elections, and a recent Gallup poll showing 39 per cent of Americans feel the Government poses an "immediate threat to their rights and freedoms", politicians 2,000 miles away in Washington still fail fully to grasp the disenchantment in these hinterlands.

A local radio station attacks "Clinton's communists". People bitterly resent new restrictions on the use of federal lands, gun controls and the Government's reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone national park despite vehement local protest.

Mr Bohlman feels sufficiently threatened to occasionally wear a bulletproof vest. He fears anarchy if the law is not enforced, and has now written in desperation to President Clinton. "It's not Mogadishu," he says, but "we need help."



Police and paramedics try in vain to save the wounded driver near the crashed tank. He was shot after its hatch was opened with bolt cutters

US police kill driver after tank rampage

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A MAN who stole a 63-ton tank and left a trail of havoc after a half-hour rampage, was shot dead by police in San Diego.

Shawn Nelson, long-haired and in his thirties, flattened parked cars and mowed down telegraph poles as he pursued an unexplained grudge.

The 20-mile swath of destruction was halted when the M-60 tank hit a three-foot concrete crash barrier on a six-lane motorway. Police tore open its hatch with bolt cutters and shot the driver in the neck as he tried to restart the disabled vehicle, which had lost its tracks.

Bystanders, many contemplating wrecked property and scarcely-believable insurance claims, were left stunned and frightened. One woman who jumped from her van seconds before the tank crushed it, told a television crew she had seen the driver's face and was convinced he meant to kill her. Mr Nelson, described as Caucasian, may have gained access to the National Guard armoury in San Diego's Linda Vista district by passing himself off as a contractor, according to a National Guard spokesman in California.

After hijacking the tank, Mr Nelson burst through a gate in the armoury's perimeter fence. He was chased at up to 30 miles an hour by police helicopters and dozens of patrol cars, sometimes on side streets, sometimes on motorways, destroying about 25 cars; sending water jets from ruptured fire hydrants high into the air, and cutting power supplies.



Flat out: A shocked owner surveys his vehicle which was destroyed in San Diego

Senator rejects 'sexy film' charge

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PHIL GRAMM has been wooing the family-values vote in his quest for the Republican presidential nomination, so he was understandably outraged yesterday by charges that he invested in the production of a sexy film 20 years ago.

The film, *Beauty Queens*, was described by its producer as a "sexploitation of beauty contests". It would be rated "R" under the American system, meaning those under 17 could be admitted only with an adult. But it was never made and Senator Gramm lost his $7,500 (£4,800) investment. Senator Gramm acknowledged being involved, but disputed an account given by George Caton, his former brother-in-law, as "an old family vendetta". Mr Caton told the magazine *New Republic* that Mr Gramm's interest was inspired by watching a soft-porn film called *Truck Stop Women* at Mr Caton's home. "Totally false," Mr Gramm said. "I never saw any movie." Mr Caton also said Mr Gramm was offered his money back after *Beauty Queens* fell through, but invested it instead in a spoof about Richard Nixon. Mr Gramm said he was never given the chance to retrieve his money.

The accusation appeared just as Mr Gramm had appeared with leaders of the Christian Coalition to promote their new *Contract with the American Family*, calling for legislation that, among other things, would restrict pornography on the Internet and cable television.

Mr Gramm has tried to position himself as the Republican candidate most closely allied to religious groups and other conservatives who criticise Hollywood for promoting sex and violence. He said he was confident that voters would accept his account rather than his former brother-in-law's. Still, he took the precaution of calling key donors and supporters to reassure them.

HIV troops face army dismissal

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

IN WHAT was viewed as a deliberate assault on homosexuality and is likely to provoke fierce controversy, radical Republicans introduced a Bill yesterday to discharge from the American armed services more than 1,200 people who have tested positive for the HIV virus that causes Aids.

The Pentagon bans entry to anyone with the HIV virus, but infected troops have been allowed to remain in service as long as they are physically able. However, Robert Dornan, the Californian congressman running for the Republican presidential nomination, introduced legislation that would require an honourable discharge within six months of an HIV-positive diagnosis. He argued that the Pentagon rules, restricting deployment overseas for such soldiers, undermined military readiness. At a time when numbers were being cut, he said, the Defence Department should retain only those capable of travelling worldwide.

"I do not see it as a homosexuality issue," he said, "I see it as a readiness issue ... right now they cannot leave California or Virginia."

The measure brought swift reaction from gay rights activists, who said it was deliberately divisive and intended to expel qualified and experienced troops who would be costly to replace. Although a Democratic Congress rebuffed a similar Bill by Mr Dornan last year, including provision banning military hospitals overseas from performing abortions, the present legislation is expected to sail through the House National Security Committee and perhaps the full House of Representatives. As yet, there is no companion Bill in the Senate.

"Everything is different this year," Mr Dornan said. His Democratic committee colleague, Ronald Dellums, who fiercely opposes the legislation, also conceded that preventing its passage would involve a tough battle.



President ushers in relaxed era of Elysée à l'Américaine



Claude Chirac prefers wearing jeans to suits

BY CHARLES BREMNER

■ Jacques Chirac has taken de Gaulle's grand oak desk out of storage but has begun his presidency with humility, attempting to avoid the pomp and grandeur of his most recent predecessors

STARTING work in his new office yesterday, President Chirac sat down at the grand oak desk that belonged to General de Gaulle. His decision to bring the desk out of storage symbolised his devotion to the legacy of the national saviour and scourge of the Anglo-Saxons.

However, the gesture, with its echoes of the haughty old statesman, is misleading as a symbol of the style of the new presidency as the Chirac family move into the Elysée Palace. Rather than returning to the grand ways of the old general, M Chirac and his team are opening a simplified administration with an informality that some are even calling American.

The comparison with the White House is not surprising, given that M Chirac, 62, is the most pro-American president to govern modern France. Reinforcing this feeling is his choice of Dominique de Villepin, a 41-year-old diplomat with long experience in Washington, as his Chief of Staff. Also, heading his communications office is his daughter Claude. Aged 32, Mme Chirac prefers jeans to the chic suits favoured by M Mitterrand's female staff.

Though M Chirac rails, like a good Gaullist, against the "arrogance" of US policy, especially in trade, his admiration for "les States" goes back to 1953, when as a student he attended a Harvard summer school. Alain Juppé, the English-speaking new Prime Minister, reports M Chirac's enthusiasm for dashing off into the American heartland incognito during working trips there. Though M Mitterrand does not speak a foreign language, France has had English-speaking presidents before, most recently Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in the 1970s. M Chirac is the first to speak with an American accent.

But it is more in management style than culture that the Chirac presidency may seem American. The new leader is making do with a near skeleton staff of 15 advisers, a fraction of the battalion of courtiers that surrounded M Mitterrand. In contrast with the haughty M Giscard and the imperial Socialist President, M Chirac is a relaxed and convivial boss who uses Christian names and applies the chummy "tu" rather than the formal "vous" to all around him. Now that Jacques is Monsieur le Président, friends and advisers are wondering whether they should revert to "vous" with him. He would never, however, respond as did M Mitterrand when an old colleague put the question to him. "On se tutoie ?" (Shall we use "tu"?). "Si vous voulez," came the withering put-down.

M Chirac is working hard on the symbols of the new, scaled-down, "people's presidency". He has, for example, been driving round in a rickety old Citroen CX, stopping at red lights. However, the traditions of French grandeur have a habit of prevailing over such attempts at humility, as both the Giscard and Mitterrand terms showed.

For a start, Jacques and Bernadette may be more vulnerable to presidential isolation because they have moved into the palace, unlike all their predecessors since de Gaulle. Messrs Pompidou, Giscard and Mitterrand preferred to sleep at their private homes, or elsewhere, using the palace for work and state socialising. Most of the Elysée household remains unchanged, unlike the White House, where even the *chef de cuisine* is a personal appointment. M Mitterrand's chief cook was worrying on the radio about whether he would please the rugged tastes of the new boss, who has a famous liking for peasant stews, pizza and Corona beer.

NEW LINE-UP IN CABINET

- ☐ Prime Minister: Alain Juppé
- ☐ Foreign: Hervé de Charette
- ☐ Defence: Charles Millon
- ☐ Finance: Alain Madelin
- ☐ Justice: Jacques Toubon
- ☐ Interior: Jean-Louis Debré
- ☐ Agriculture: Philippe Vasseur
- ☐ Industry: Yves Galland
- ☐ Labour: Jacques Barrot
- ☐ Culture: Philippe Douste-Blazy
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- ☐ Tourism: Françoise de Panafieu

Chirac gives key Cabinet posts to pro-Europeans

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC completed his ascent to power yesterday by appointing a new Government with pro-Europeans in key posts and including Alain Madelin, an outspoken apostle of free trade, as chief of a powerful new Finance Ministry.

The appointment of M Madelin, 49, a centre-right politician who has only recently revised heretical monetary views, was a strong signal of M Chirac's determination to shake up the country's economic management. In 1992 M Madelin denounced the close franc-mark link as "untenable", though he now says things have changed. He said last night that his priority would be the "struggle against the public deficits and waste of public money".

However, soothing signals were sent to the markets and Germany by the appointment as Foreign Minister of Hervé de Charette, 56, a pro-European technocrat turned politician. Housing Minister in the outgoing Government, M de Charette is expected to come under close supervision from Alain Juppé, the new Prime Minister, whose own appointment is the strongest evidence of M Chirac's commitment to European union.

After an unspectacular political career, M de Charette came into his own as an ouspoken figure in the campaign. He sided with M Chirac, subjecting Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, to scathing public criticism.

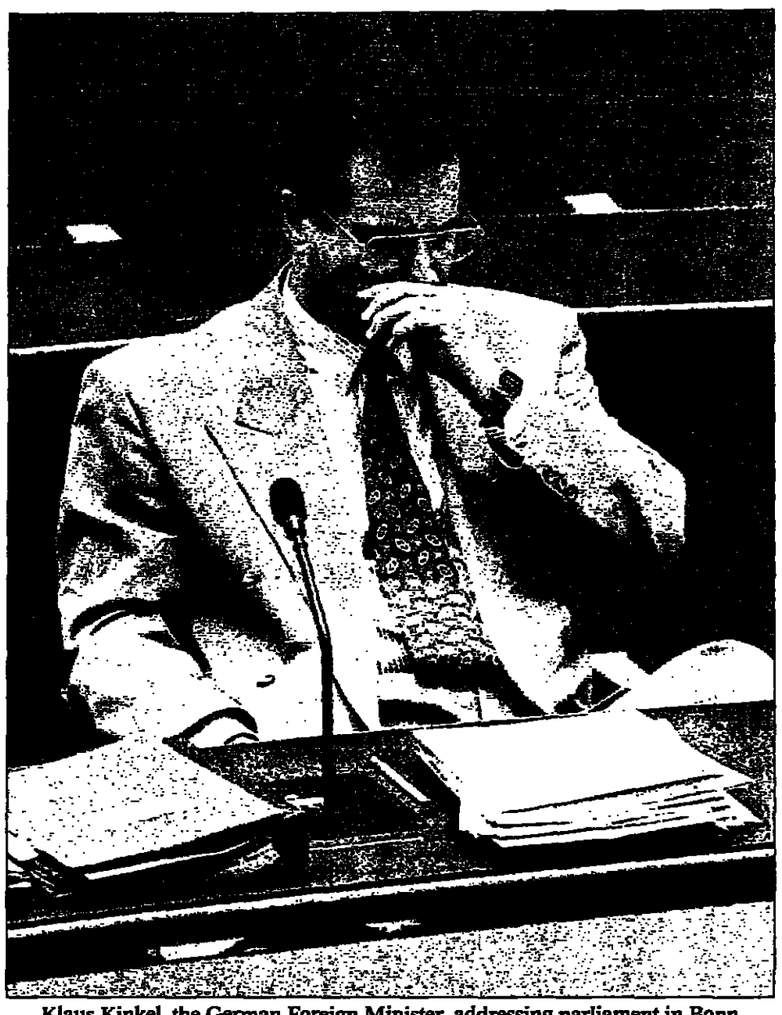
Further signs of continuity came from the choice of Dominique de Villepin, 41, a career diplomat who ran M Juppé's office at the Foreign Ministry, as Secretary-General of the presidency. The post, equivalent to White House chief of staff, makes M de Villepin the key intermediary between M Chirac and the Government.

In keeping with M Chirac's pledge of renewal, only nine figures from the outgoing team of M Balladur appear in the new, enlarged government of 42 portfolios. M Balladur, defeated by M Chirac after leading a rebellion against him, handed over to M Juppé yesterday in a sour ceremony at the the Prime Minister's mansion.

The new line-up, which includes a record 12 women, is an equal balance of Gaullists, almost all Chirac loyalists, and figures from the centre-right UDF group, also mostly his supporters. Jacques Toubon, 53, a Chirac Gaullist loyalist and outgoing Culture Minister, was given the Justice Ministry, a highly sensitive post in the climate of corruption inquiries. M Madelin's own Republican Party is one of several groups now under investigation for sleaze.

The most senior woman minister is Elisabeth Hubert, a 38-year-old doctor and Gaullist who is making her entry to government in charge of health. A new ministry for "solidarity between the generations" was given to Colette Codaccioni, 52, a Gaullist. Eight of the 12 women are junior ministers.

The average age has dropped to 51, and one member, François Baroin, the government spokesman, is only 29. Only two members of the new Government, apart from M Juppé and M Chirac himself, are products of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, the chief nursery for the high technocrats repeatedly denounced by M Chirac.



Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, addressing parliament in Bonn yesterday before announcing that he is to resign as Free Democrat leader

Kinkel to resign as party leader

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

BATTERED by a dozen election defeats, Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said yesterday that he would resign as chairman of the small Free Democratic Party. The move threw a pall of uncertainty over the Government of Helmut Kohl, which is dependent on Free Democrat support.

Herr Kinkel said he would not resign as Foreign Minister: "I will concentrate my strengths on the jobs of Foreign Minister and Vice-Chancellor." His advisers say that the minister will now have more time to work on making a success of the 1996 Maastricht follow-up conference.

For almost three years, Herr Kinkel has been stretched between two demanding jobs. As chairman of the Free Democrats, he has had to keep the party afloat at a time when its vaguely liberal policies seemed increasingly irrelevant to German voters. The party failed repeatedly to win the necessary 5 per cent of the vote in regional and European elections and plunged out of city councils and state parliaments. In elections last weekend, it dropped out of two more regional parliaments.

As Foreign Minister, Herr Kinkel has found himself jumping into aircraft several times a week. Germany's real foreign policy was increasingly made by the Chancellor and his associates.

☐ **Warplane delays:** New delays have hit the four-nation Eurofighter project because of uproar in the German parliament about soaring development costs. Roger Freeman, Britain's Defence Procurement Minister, travelled to Bonn last night for a meeting that was supposed to end with the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Germans. But the signing will have to wait at least until after the German parliament takes a fresh look at the Eurofighter figures on May 31.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bank gang in Manila shoot-out

Manila: Philippine police, under public pressure to curb a wave of bank raids, shot dead 11 suspected robbers in a gun battle here with one of the country's biggest gangs.

The gang leader and three others escaped. They are blamed for a $2 million (£1.25 million) cash robbery near the capital's airport on May 3, as well as two other banks and a supermarket. Twenty-one gang members have been shot in seven weeks. *(Reuter)*

Rebels' amnesty

Port Moresby: The Papua New Guinea Government announced an amnesty for rebels in Bougainville in an effort to end the six-year long secessionist struggle in the mineral-rich island province. *(AFP)*

Karachi deaths

Karachi: At least three people were killed and 23 wounded when Pakistani police and paramilitary rangers battled gunmen in the heart of Karachi. One ranger and two civilians died. *(Reuter)*

'I killed Somoza'

Buenos Aires: Gorriaran Merlo, a former guerrilla still in hiding, confessed in a television interview to the assassination of former Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1980. *(AFP)*

Laos ban lifted

Bangkok: The United States has decided to lift a ban on aid to Laos imposed when it became communist in 1975. The decision does not guarantee new funding for Laos, a statement said. *(Reuter)*

Toast of jams

Cahors: Gourmets in France's southwest have discovered a new, non-alcoholic jam made from one of their regional wines, Cahors, suitable for breakfast or in sauces to accompany meat. *(AFP)*

Kohl shares wary nuptial feast with new partner

BY CHARLES BREMNER

AN Alsatian restaurant was the setting last night for President Chirac and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, to seal the latest nuptials of the "Franco-German couple", a serial marriage whose future has become less certain with the election of the Gaullist.

With the franc under pressure and anxiety in Bonn, M Chirac fixed the rendezvous with the German leader in Strasbourg a day after taking office to demonstrate his dedication to the close alliance at the heart of Europe for the past three decades. However, dining at "Chez Yvonne", Herr Kohl, was eager to gauge the degree of his new partner's devotion to pursuing union and the monetary wedlock that goes with it.

The largely pro-European new Cabinet spent the day yesterday insisting that nothing would obstruct M Chirac's commitment to pursuing the special relationship, as symbolised by the fine rapport between President Mitterrand and Herr Kohl and the earlier matches, between de Gaulle and Adenauer and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Helmut Schmidt. "Our stance on Europe will strongly depend on mutual Franco-German decision-making, on harmony between us," said Hervé de Charette, the new, staunchly pro-European Foreign Minister.

Jean-Jacques de Peretti, an architect of M Chirac's economic programme and the new Overseas Territories Minister, said M Chirac had been falsely judged on his attitude. "He is without doubt the man most focused on the strong franc," M de Peretti said. M Chirac already knows "my dear friend Helmut" and the two men have, on the face of it, much in common. The President is a back-slapping conservative who shares the Chancellor's appetite for beer and hearty country cuisine.

German worries have been aroused, however, by M Chirac's ambiguous stance throughout his election campaign in which he promised to shift economic priorities to an all-out drive to create jobs. Within hours of taking office, the Elysée Palace had to extinguish a flare-up on the financial markets. This was triggered by reports, fiercely denied, that M Chirac could press Herr Kohl to scrap the European Monetary System and launch a looser version that would take in sterling and the Italian lira. There was little doubt, however, that the President, while pledging his loyalty to union, would explain to the Chancellor that he needed some economic breathing space in his war against unemployment.

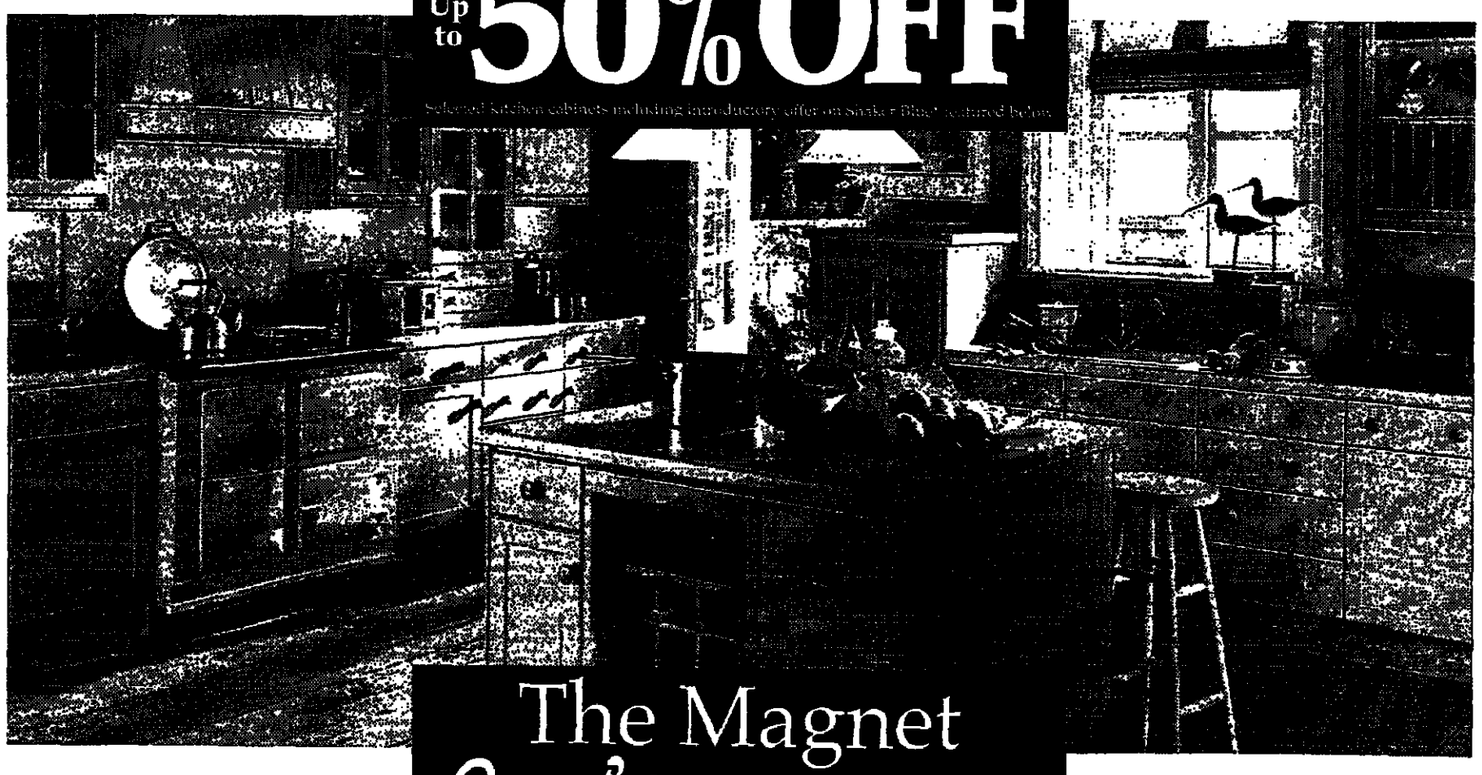
M Chirac's team would dearly like to see a fall in the high German interest rates which, through their link to the franc, have stifled French economic revival. The French are, however, aware, that the rates are not in the Chancellor's gift, but that of the independent Bundesbank.

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Belgrade offered sanctions deal to recognise Bosnia

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

UNITED NATIONS peacekeepers say a diplomatic breakthrough over Bosnia-Herzegovina hinted at by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, may aggravate the intensifying warfare in the country.

Mr Hurd said in Washington on Wednesday that hopes that President Milosevic of Serbia would recognise Bosnia's international borders had been rekindled. It appears that Western leaders will allow Mr Milosevic to recognise the country without acknowledging the legitimacy of the Sarajevo Government.

The comments came after America offered Serbia relief from UN sanctions in return for recognising Bosnia's borders. Washington, supported by Britain, France, Russia and Germany, believes recognition would be an important step towards reducing tension because it would also allow UN monitors along Serbia's borders to cut off trade to the Bosnian Serbs. However, Mr Milosevic has rejected a similar proposal in the past.

The Foreign Secretary also said after meeting Al Gore, the American Vice-President, and Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, that Britain has no immediate plans to withdraw its peacekeeping troops, but the case for keeping them in Bosnia may no longer be valid if the fighting continues to intensify.

Mr Hurd's raising of a question mark over Britain's commitment coincides with a decision by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, to prepare a report for the Security Council on redeploying and reducing the 22,000 troops in the UN Protection Force assigned to the former Yugoslav republics. Mr Hurd endorsed the move. The Foreign Secretary has also backed the Clinton Administration's efforts to counter proposals by Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader, for Washington unilaterally to lift the embargo on sending arms to the Muslim-led Government.

The moves in Washington came as heavy fighting spread to several areas. The intense mortar, tank and artillery exchanges in Sarajevo over the past few days subsided yesterday, but municipal workers began erecting shields and closing roads because of sniper attacks. One man was killed and another wounded by Serb snipers, while a shell in a marketplace near the United Nations headquarters killed one and wounded six.

In the northeast of Bosnia, the Croat-held Orasje pocket was considerably quieter after more than a week of Serb attacks. On Wednesday, UN officers reported about 5,000 shells had fallen in the area, one of the heaviest barrages of the entire war. Across the country, in Bihac, UN officials reported thousands of Serbs had fled a Bosnian Government push out of the "safe area".

The fighting, coupled with the apparent collapse of Nato's heavy weapons bans around Sarajevo and Gorazde and the paralysis of the UN peace-keeping force, has redoubled pressure on diplomats to produce an initiative. Peace talks have been stalled since the five-nation Contact Group's "take-it-or-leave-it" proposal almost a year ago, which the Serbs refused to sign.

Diplomats believe that by getting Mr Milosevic to join the rest of the world in affirming Bosnia's international borders, they can further isolate the Bosnian Serb leadership. That, they believe, would make the separatists more conciliatory at the negotiating table.



Milosevic: offered deal to relieve sanctions

"It's a further sign of a split in the Serbs and it does mean that there will be additional pressure on them to settle," Lord Owen, the EU peace negotiator, told BBC radio yesterday. "We've got to get the Bosnian Serbs in a frame of mind in which they actually will negotiate."

However, some peacekeepers, even in their current predicament, believe that the latest bid might push the conflict closer to the abyss rather than towards resolution. Past experience lends credence to those concerns. "I don't see it helping the peace process in any way," one UN official said. "It will only push the Bosnian Serbs further into the corner."

A former British peacekeeper said that such a move encourages the Bosnian Serbs to play to their strengths — to tighten their sieges of Sarajevo and other towns, to strike back at the government army and to make life impossible for peace-keepers. "When they [the Serbs] are put under diplomatic pressure they become more hard line," the officer said. "Under military pressure they become a lot easier to deal with, but there isn't the political will in Western capitals to do it."

Without that will, many UN officials and observers have concluded, the most promising chance to bring an end to the war would be to reverse diplomatic course and encourage the division of Bosnia.

A withdrawal of peacekeepers would have grave consequences. Simply getting out could be difficult and in addition to an increase in fighting on the ground there would be an immense risk of the conflict spreading to Kosovo and Macedonia.

☐ **Travel alarm:** The State Department in Washington has warned Americans to avoid travel to Croatia and Bosnia and urged those there to leave. *(Reuter)*



The Pope: "I renew before Christ the offer of my availability to serve the Church"

Pope promises flock he will stay at his post

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Pope celebrated his 75th birthday yesterday after strongly denying speculation that he intended to retire.

The Polish pontiff said Mass in his private chapel at dawn as usual, had lunch with six cardinals and met a group of Indian bishops who sang "Happy birthday" in English.

During his weekly general audience in St Peter's Square, he told thousands of pilgrims: "I renew before Christ the offer of my availability to serve the Church as long as he will want, abandoning myself totally to his will. I leave to him the decision on how and when he will want to remove me from this service."

Vatican watchers had suggested that the Pope might step down because, under canon law, bishops are "invited" to hand in their resignations to the Pope when they reach the age of 75. He decides whether they are fit to carry on in their dioceses. The Pope is the Bishop of Rome, but also "the Vicar of Christ on Earth", and as such answerable only to his superior, according to Catholic doctrine.

John Paul has long made it clear that he hopes to lead the Church into the second millenium. There was concern about his health last year after he underwent an operation for a broken leg. His recovery was slower than expected, forcing him to walk with a stick and cancel a visit to the United States. It was the fifth operation he had undergone since his election in 1978.

This year, however, he resumed his worldwide travels, visiting Asia and Australia. On Saturday he embarks on a three-day visit to the Czech Republic and, briefly, Poland. In September he is to visit five African countries and in October makes the delayed trip to the United States.

Ex-minister faces fraud trial in Italy

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN ROME

THE Italian Senate cleared the way yesterday for prosecutors to charge Gianni De Michelis, the former Foreign Minister, with embezzlement while in office.

The flamboyant former socialist minister is suspected of having siphoned off more than £1.6 million of foreign ministry funds for his own use while he was minister from 1989 to 1992.

Investigators are also seeking to charge Giuseppe Baldocci, a former aide. A high-profile minister in Giulio Andreotti's Cabinet, Signor De Michelis, 54, has already been implicated in a number of corruption investigations, but could not be charged for offences allegedly committed while in office without the Senate lifting his ministerial immunity.

A Senate commission established to examine the accusations and the former minister's immunity, agreed yesterday that he had a case to answer. Signor De Michelis had "squandered public money for his personal ends, using ministry funds for meals, travel, night clubs that he frequented assiduously, and bouquets of flowers", according to Filiberto Scalone, the commission's rapporteur.

Some of the missing funds — £5 million — went directly to his personal bank account from his office petty cash, Signor Scalone said.

In another development, France's highest court, the Court of Cassation, approved the extradition of Roberta Cappelli, 39, and Paolo Di Marzo, 34. They have been sentenced in Italy to life and 18 years' imprisonment respectively for Red Brigades terrorist acts in the early 1980s. They were arrested in France last August after Italy requested their extradition, but freed on appeal last October while their case was heard. *(AFP)*

Cypriots bounce 250 cheques an hour

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

BOUNCING cheques have become so commonplace in Cyprus that £35 million worth flooded the market last year, according to the authorities, who say the problem is getting worse and are pushing for tougher penalties.

An astonishing 250,000 rubber cheques, many bouncing more than once, were passed in 1994 as the banks in the republic, which has a population of just under 600,000, returned on average 250 every hour they were open.

Parliament, concerned that a cheque now represents a promise rather than a payment, is considering a government proposal to jail offenders for two years instead of six months, the current but rarely-enforced penalty.

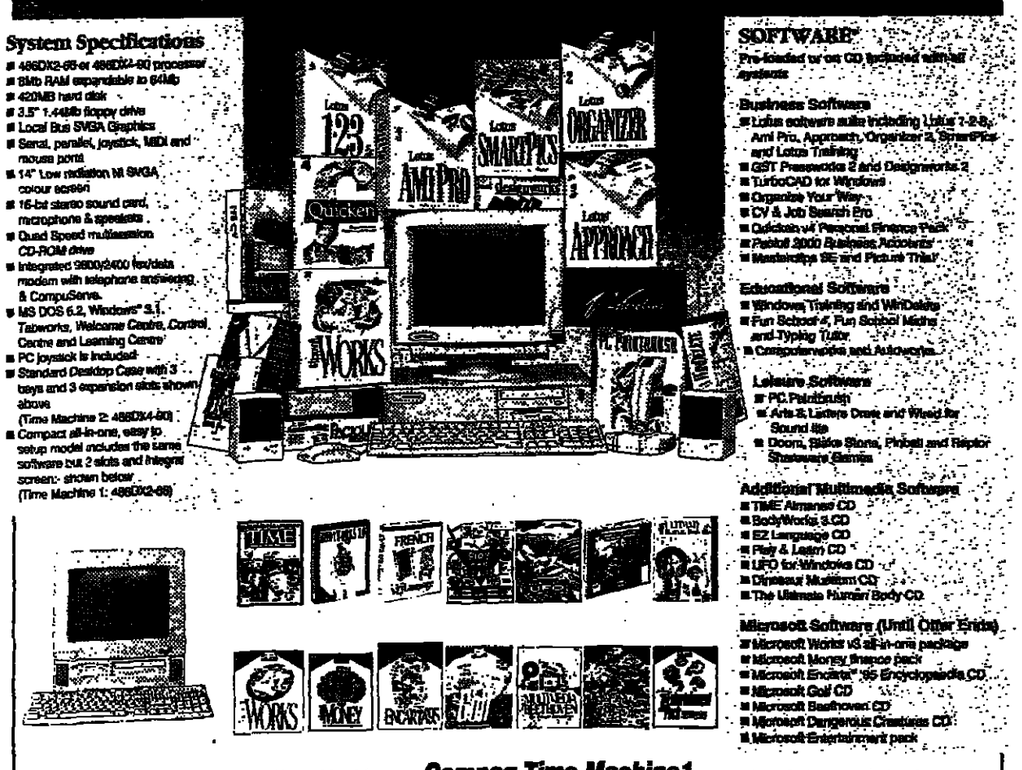
Kikis Kazamias, a Communist MP, told parliament the problem involved "businessmen of all kinds from the smallest to the biggest", but complained that only the former were hauled before the courts while "others hide in their luxury cars or swimming pools and do not face legal action".

Economists say the phenomenon does not reflect underlying problems with the economy, which is booming. "It's a cultural thing," said a senior Central Bank official. "Most of these people who write dud cheques do have money in the bank — it's just a way of extending their credit."

Only 15 cases were tried last year. Recipients of dud cheques are loath to complain for fear of losing future business and only one in 100 goes to the police, who usually persuade the drawer to pay up before the dispute reaches court. Unfortunately, this means the police are acting as "debt collectors" for businessmen, claimed Mr Kazamias. He said the police last year managed to collect £1.8 million, at a cost of £280,000.

☐ **Nicosia:** All peanuts are to be withdrawn here for checks after cancer-causing toxins were found in some samples. *(AFP)*

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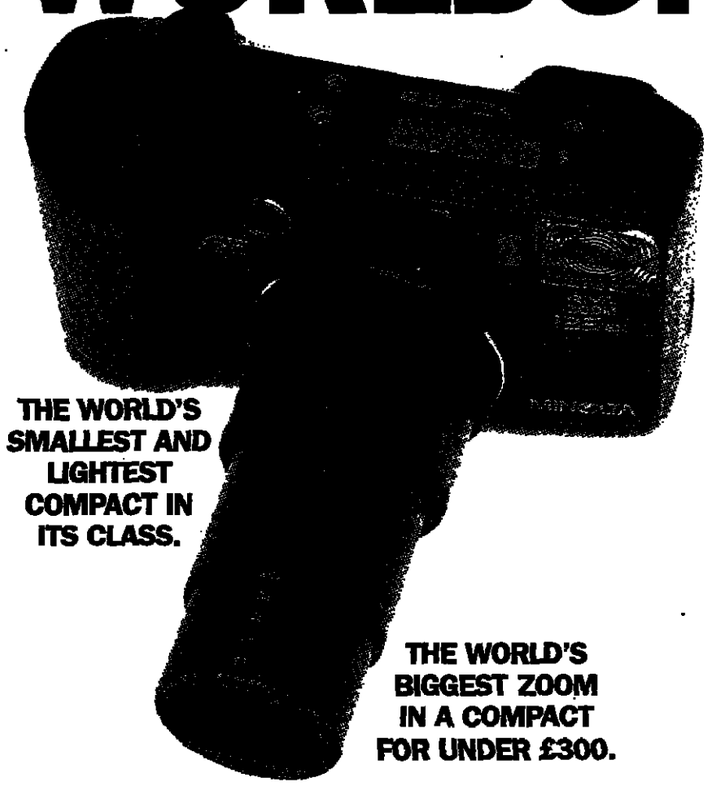
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Rage against the dyeing of the hair

Why do women's rows always descend to physical insults?

A woman's place is in a rage. Strangely stimulated, I find myself *pacing the floor, eyes aglitter,* spoiling for a fight. Any pretext will do. Perhaps I shall turn without warning on some innocent fellow-columnist and rend her limb from limb. That Nigella Lawson, all that hair, *who does she think she is?* As for Simon so-called Jenkins — pah! Give me five minutes down a dark alley with him *and he'll wish he'd never* heard of the common fisheries policy. And Levin, get those glasses off . . .

Good, isn't it? Provided you stand well back, nothing is more fun than someone else's fury. This week's spectacle was Germaine Greer, *Guardian* columnist and legendary feminist, lashing out at a fellow writer in that paper, Suzanne Moore.



LIBBY PURVES

She castigated her smoking, bird's-nest hair, high-heeled shoes "and three fat inches of cleavage". She opined that too much lipstick had rotted Moore's brain.

The Guardian modestly shrank from publishing this, although not apparently from leaking it to another newspaper's diary. So Germaine Greer resigned, turning her fury briefly on them — "the worst boys' club on Fleet Street" — and then back on Moore with a crack about "endlessly replaceable tobacco-ridden hackettes".

Now, I am not just repeating all this for fun, although it is. There has been a lot of sanctimonious talk, not least from Ms Moore, about how awful it is for women to be seen "mud-wrestling"; how it makes men gloat, lets down sisterhood, etc. In this household, my spouse went all 1950s-Yorkshire on me and said it was disgraceful when women brawled in public because they should set an example to men. This responsibility I, like Ms Greer, firmly repudiate. With chaps like Sir Kingsley Amis at large, there is no hope at all of edifying men, so we girls might as well *let rip.*

But one thing is utterly feminine about the Greer outbursts, and all the more fascinating because they come from someone usually so ungirlish. Observe the remarkable speed with which this intellectual woman descended to physical detail: the hair, the shoes, the lipstick, the cleavage. But this is *Germaine Greer,* for heaven's sake, heroine to a generation, the woman who we thought had freed us from fretting about our toilette or anyone else's. If she does it, *the rest of us can admit to it. So* bother sisterhood: here comes some anthropology.

I have known serious, senior women, having fallen out over a professional issue, to narrow their eyes and hiss things like "Her in her prissy little Princess Di collars!" Or "Never trust a woman who wears white shoes!" I have heard a newspaper editor damned for her décolleté when the real quarrel was over a budget; and one broadcasting executive ranting about another's designer-shaggy hair, although I believe the original row was over digital editing. A political writer of some distinction is frequently the subject of venom not for her right-wing views but her seamed stockings; no doubt defeated barristers jeer at the woman judge's perm, while back in the lodgings Her Honour inveighs against that slinky little madam who wears her tops too tight.

It is disgraceful. Men don't do it, do they? They insult one another's intellect, psyche and morality, but stop short of deriding an enemy for having *frizzy hair or sock-suspenders.* So, men tell me, anyway. You may know different: any undercover reports from the gents' at the Garrick Club would be most welcome.

To cries of 'betrayal' the secret work of Tory whips is being exposed on television

The man who has opened the dirt book

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



The face of Michael Cockerell is seen less on camera than that of a Paxman or a Dimbleby. But for a true picture of political leaders in the late 20th century, as Peter Riddell once said, the self-effacing Cockerell's portraits are the vital source.

His most subversive and revealing film yet, *Westminster's Secret Service,* goes out this Sunday (BBC2, 9pm). The Tory whips wanted to prevent *it being made, and one can* see why.

It is shrouded in an atmosphere of evasion, conspiracy and suspense. The film's director, Alison Cahn, eavesdrops *in the Members' Lobby* where all the men appear to be whispering, buttonholing, bending ears, sidling through the secret door off the lobby to the Whips' Office in the hours *before a vital vote. Ian Paisley* is seen putting a fraternal arm round Teddy Taylor. In the background Michael Nyman's music from *The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover* throbbingly chants its urgent theme.

Even Mrs Thatcher once had to ask her friend Parkinson: "Cecil, what exactly do the whips do?" After oily Francis Urquhart, we all know, though a former Thatcher whip declares on film that "no Chief Whip in my experience has been a murderer . . .". Stephen Dorrell — who was called traitor by a whip for taking part in this film — picks "my friend Tristan Garel-Jones" as the most Urquhartian exponent of the Black Art. When Cockerell shows Garel-Jones lighting a furtive cigarette in the Gothic window of the Palace of Westminster it looks like the most sinister, Machiavellian of acts.

"The whips," Cockerell says, "are like the Italian Camorra, revelling in their own mystique. There's never been a book written about them. Discretion is like the calcium in the bones of any Tory Chief Whip."

I asked whether the Government Chief Whip, Richard Ryder, had taken part. "Richard Ryder!" cried Cockerell. "He's a man who wears his watch face inwards rather *than give anyone the time of* day." Not even for his friend Cockerell would Ryder break the whips' embargo on beanspilling. When Cockerell protested that even the head of *MI5 had now given a* Dimbleby lecture, the boyish Ryder gave a light laugh: "I'm a real bastard," he said.

Like gossip columnists, the whips want us to think they are privy to darkest secrets. "Shits' lists" are drawn up at whips' dinners. Usefully damaging details of MPs' private lives are entered in the "dirt book", locked in the Chief Whip's safe at No 12. Like police work, it's partly a confidence trick: their powers depend on their not being explicit about how much they really know. Grasses and informers are *personae gratae.*

Their weapon is patronage: "You'd like to be a minister one day, wouldn't you?" They may help a Member over a *debt or a scandal,* knowing that "if we get a chap out of trouble, he'll do as we ask for ever more". They bestow ministerial appointments, honours, trips abroad. Impervious MPs who want none of these things are whips' nightmares. Anyone who votes against the Government without telling the whips can, as the whips' heavy man David Lightbown says of Norman Lamont, "go and play the fiddle in the fields on his own, and die in the grass".

Whips used to be, in Alan Clark's words, field sports enthusiasts, who had bullied lower boys at Eton. "Now it is recognised as a nursery for *junior ministers."* More than a third of Major's Cabinet, including Clarke and Portillo, were apprenticed in the Whips' Office.

In this exclusively male network (there have long been women Labour whips, but only Mrs Bottomley has ever got close to the Tory Whips' Office) most women would be quite at sea. "Kenneth Baker's *wife Mary told me,"* Cockerell says, "that when she first sat on a company board she went to a board meeting with a good idea but couldn't get it through — 'and Ken said I should have *fixed it in advance;* networked, got people on my side, taken them to lunch . . .' Precisely as the Whips' Office operates."



MICHAEL POWELL

Michael Cockerell: exploring the conspiratorial, all-male world of the Whips' Office

We see the pressures put on Members, the calling in of debts: MPs are summoned back from the Caribbean, from skiing, or from their deathbeds: poor Geoffrey Dickens, with terminal cancer, is filmed driving himself to Westminster where he meets Julian Critchley, fellow cannon fodder ("we are the last reserves") being wheeled into the lobby — poignantly, Dickens's final appearance, coming to the aid of a desperate party.

Cockerell, the John Aubrey of the small screen, has now completed ten riveting portraits. "The idea came from the late Bob Mackenzie, who said imagine what it would be like if there were videos of Gladstone and Disraeli . . ." For 12 years Cockerell was *Panorama's* chief political reporter. His barrister father, Professor Hugh Cockerell, teaches *insurance law at the City University: Cockerell on Insurance* is a standard law reference book. Mother was a writer of plays and novels. Cockerell went to Corpus, Oxford, where he played cricket and jazz, and incidentally read PPE.

He has six children: a grown son and daughter, and four daughters under ten. "The older I get, the newer I become as a father," he says. "Before, I never changed a nappy. But I have become a New Man." If I were making a Cockerell-style film on Cockerell, I would juxtapose this statement with the sound of a crying baby and a shot of his partner Anna Lloyd, at home with infant in arms, answering the telephone to me at 8pm with the words, "No. Michael's not home yet. I'm afraid I have no idea where he is."

His device is to lead on his interviewees in gentle masculine banter. He asks Tim Fortescue (Heath whip): "You've never had a woman in the Whips' Office, yet you had a woman leader?" "Well, you've got to get your priorities right," chuckles Fortescue. "Meaning what?" asks Cockerell, laughing along; "being a whip is more important than being leader?" Fortescue gives another crinkly laugh, effectively conceding that Cockerell may say that, but he could not possibly comment.

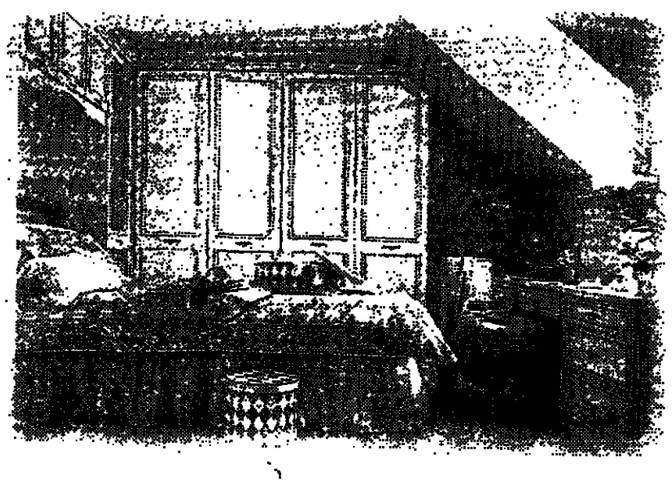
"If you just replicated the studio interview, two suits facing each other, you'd get all the defensive mechanisms politicians have learnt. But catch them at different times and you get quite a different picture." By making subjects watch old footage of themselves, *he gets a glimpse into* their souls. Jane Clark unexpectedly opened up one day while feeding the preening peacocks at Saltwood. Was *her* husband like the peacocks, Cockerell asked casually — and the floodgates opened.

You get more out of people by being confidential than confrontational, he says, resorting to a cricketer's analogy: "If a fast bowler always bowls balls that bounce short and come straight for the throat, all you will see is the defensive strokes. And a lot of ministers become very good at defensive strokes. Whereas if you vary the bowling, you lull them into a false sense of security." Watch that wicket.

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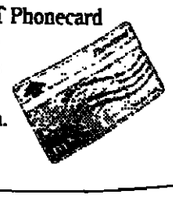
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A portrait of a Princess: "The Princess of Wales takes care of herself — we felt this was the one for the book"

Who are the faces of the Nineties?

Julia Llewellyn Smith asks the photographer Gemma Levine how she chose the subjects for her book

The Princess of Wales is there, the Prince is not. Joan Collins is out. Baroness Thatcher is in. Kenneth Branagh is out. Esther Rantzen is in. Jeremy Paxman should be, but isn't. Take That are nowhere to be seen.

Such is the verdict on the people who are "synonymous with, or shaping Britain in the 1990s". Those deemed to deserve the label appear in *People of the 90s* (price £20), a book of pictures by Gemma Levine, a portrait photographer who has spent two years tracking her prey.

Some posed willingly ("the politicians were begging to do it"), others needed considerable coaxing. Some granted Mrs Levine an audience in their homes or offices, others visited her in her studio, on top of her flat in the West End of London. The Princess of Wales, as president of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund, to which all the book's profits will be donated, was one of the latter.

"She arrived with a whole wardrobe of clothes, which she changed into behind a screen. I'd expected someone rather shy, but she was natural, sweet and unpretentious with a very attractive, throaty laugh." First Mrs Levine shot her in white against a white background, then in a low-cut black gilet against black. "We decided that was the one for the book." The Princess is smiling broadly, her head leaning on remarkably muscular arms. "That is a woman who takes care of herself," says Mrs Levine.

Joan Collins takes care of herself, too. "Every turn of her face, every gesture of her hand is perfectly calculated," says Mrs Levine. But when the photographs reached the cutting room at HarperCollins, these were the ones which fell on the floor. Poor Miss Collins was not considered 1990s enough: nor, at the final edit, were Kenneth Branagh, Nigel Dempster, Sir Norman Fowler, Maureen Lipman and Brian Walden. Kate Adie, Jeremy Paxman and Branagh's wife, Emma Thompson, were all considered essential to the Zeitgeist, but like many superstars were too busy working to see Mrs Levine.

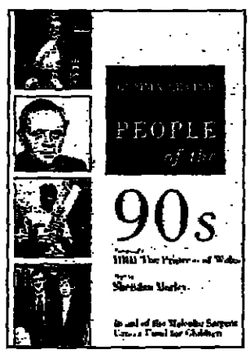
She got on splendidly with Baroness Thatcher, who approved of her swift work. "I'm in and out in a maximum of 20 minutes," Mrs Levine says. "I can't bear to see boredom in people's faces."

The daughter of a metallurgist and the owner of a Knightsbridge dress shop, Mrs Levine has no formal photographic training. She married a lawyer, Eric, and had two sons. One of Eric's clients was Sir Charles Forte, who in 1975 admired her Instamatic snaps of some sculptures of Henry Moore's. Sir Charles persuaded her to work with Moore on a book. Since then, there have been a dozen books and 30 exhibitions, with the emphasis on portrait photography in London and in Israel.

Six years ago, her marriage broke up. Work became a salvation. Many subjects have become friends; equally, many friends have become subjects. Certainly, the book says a lot about Mrs Levine's metropolitan lifestyle: with a strong bias towards the restaurant trade, arts administration and the kookier world of alternative medicine. Whether Michael Rasser, "the Michael of Michaeljohn hairdressing", Phil Collins and Felicity Kendal are more symbolic of 1990s culture than Ryan Giggs, Chris Evans and Elizabeth Hurley is a matter of opinion.

'Major suddenly burst out into fits of laughter — we don't know to this day what amused him'





Gemma Levine and her book

Her favourite subjects are babies and actors, although many of her best pictures are of politicians: Michael Portillo, leaning roguishly against a mantelpiece; Tony Blair, photographed before he was leader, standing, prophetically, in the shadow of Big Ben; a poignant John Smith, head bowed in his office; and a charming study of John Major in fits of laughter. "That was quite a fluke. He was being very serious and suddenly he found something extremely amusing. We don't know to this day what it was, but I was, thank goodness, quick to pull the trigger. His press secretary said: 'The Prime Minister won't permit you to use that,' but in fact he loved it."

The voice of Terminal 5

Margot Norman meets the veteran 'green' who is promoting a new Heathrow extension

Des Wilson is a frustrated man. He looks it, too, pacing his office like some fierce, fast-talking, red-faced antipodean hamster. The office belongs to the Corporate Affairs Director of BAA (formerly the British Airports Authority): the veteran campaigner and environmentalist has occupied it for seven months, building the company's case for Terminal 5 at Heathrow, taking stick from environmentalists who say he has sold his principles for a six-figure salary and getting . . . on the face of it, not that far.

Newspapers and television still illustrate items on Terminal 5 with carefully-angled shots (like the one on the right) of aircraft menacing houses. I needn't tell you what the anti-noise lobby is saying, you've already heard it, *ad nauseam*.

So why is it that "virtually no one" knows all the things Wilson has been busting a gut to tell them, for instance, that this thing is being built not on virgin pasture but on a sewage farm within the airport precincts, that it won't be completed for nearly 20 years, that if you tell American airlines they can't come to Heathrow they won't meekly divert to Stansted, they'll just take their transfer passengers (almost a third of the people who land at Heathrow) to Amsterdam or Charles de Gaulle instead?

Why, in short, isn't everyone as convinced as Wilson himself that, to borrow a Thatcherite phrase, There Is No Alternative to Terminal 5? For Des Wilson undoubtedly is convinced. The man who has spent more than half his life fighting brilliant campaigns for the homeless, for Friends of the Earth, for the Liberal Democrats, against tobacco and against lead in petrol, may be making an unaccustomed lack of headway with the media on this issue, but he believes in what he's doing.

"Look, I'm still an environmentalist, and I'm distressed by people saying I've sold out. After nearly 30 years working for little money — none at all for my two years with the Liberal Democrats — would I suddenly just sell my reputation for what I can get?"

Wilson promised his wife he would earn some money after the Lib-Dem period and did, as vice president of the PR company Burson Marsteller. (It was an unhappy time: he disliked the "necessary profiteering" from his clients.) His campaigning years, he felt, were over: people had started crossing the street to avoid having to talk about whatever his next campaign might be.



Shadow over Heathrow — a typical anti-T5 image

"I have always understood the business of looking after the interests of industry, which produces the country's wealth. I'm not the idealistic type of environmentalist, I'm a pragmatist. I'm aware of the passing years, and I do want to see things happen. I think that every time a Des Wilson joins a company like BAA the environmental movement should cheer to the rafters and say, 'We're getting our people where they can have influence'."

So how has he been using that influence at BAA? Without claiming that an airport (especially one gearing up to handle 80 million passengers a year) can actually be a good neighbour, he waves a list of things he has persuaded the company to do to make it a better one. Some local headway has been made. Even though 9,000 of the 10,000 submissions to the public inquiry that opened this week into Terminal 5 are against the project, polls commissioned by BAA are now showing more local people in favour than against.

More interestingly, for all the noise being made about the noise issue, local people told pollsters that traffic congestion concerned them far more than aircraft noise (23 per cent cited traffic, 9 per cent cited noise.)

The more you listen to Terminal 5 objectors, the more you realise that this row is less about building an extra terminal at Heathrow than about rising levels of frustration about the lack of an integrated transport policy in this country. It is about the choked state of the M25 and the M4 around Heathrow already, about the lack of public transport and of even the faintest glimmer of a national policy for improving the situation.

Get Des Wilson on the subject of national transport policy and he lights up. "It's a complete shambles, something that has been made a colossal hash of. Look, you be the Transport Minister and I'll be the Secretary of State."

There follows a role-playing exercise in which, at breakneck speed, he dashes through the issues, and the amounts BAA is spending (£400 million on Heathrow Express, and so on). He has no doubt that any conceivable Transport Secretary, of whatever political colour, would take the need for Terminal 5 as given.

"This is the only country in the world running its airports at no cost to the taxpayer. Heathrow is the world's international hub and without Terminal 5 the business will go elsewhere."

Since 1985, the Government has effectively left aviation policy to the privatised airports. BAA wanted Stansted to work and poured money into it, but aviation economics dictate that it can't do Heathrow's job. It was BAA that bullied the Government, not the other way around, into ruling out another runway in the South East.

Now BAA has had to bully the Government on road policy, too, forcing it to rule out the expansion of the M25 into a 14-lane motorway. Des Wilson finds himself speaking for a lot of environmentalists when he says it should not be up to BAA, and nor should it be up to an enormously lengthy and expensive planning inquiry, to make up the nation's overall transport policy.

Nevertheless, if the Government won't do it, Wilson is ready to roll up his sleeves, use his old tactics of getting opponents round the table to hammer out common ground, and have a go. When I saw him, a posse of environmentalists and transport campaigners were coming to lunch to do just that.

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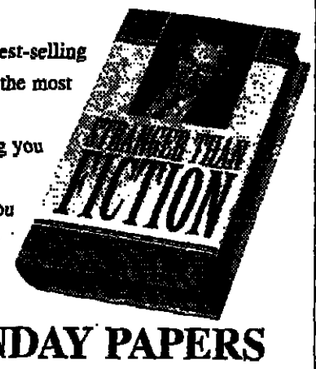


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There's no legislating for honour

J. Enoch Powell argues that the Nolan proposals misunderstand the nature of Parliament

Amid the general contempt into which the concept of parliamentary sovereignty appears to be slipping, the breach in it which the Nolan committee's proposals represent is in danger of being overlooked.

It is a characteristic inseparable from any body which is sovereign that it is subject to no external supervision or interference. The immunity of the House of Commons itself from interference or influence by the Crown was due to the application of that principle with rigorous logic. Of course, in the age of the European Union people may no longer care about the sovereignty of Parliament. But if they still do — and woe betide them in the long run if they do not — they had best not establish the supervisory body recommended by Nolan.

This is a point which deserves to be treated with the utmost seriousness and not pushed to one side with a shrug of the shoulder and a quotation of the tag about *quis custodiet . . ?*

I do not know in what manner it may be proposed to implement the Nolan committee's recommendations: but I very much fear that the easy way out will be taken and that they will be implemented by resolution, which would expose to disciplinary proceedings in the House any Member who contravened them. But there is an extremely serious point here which goes to the right and liberties of the individual citizen.

The conditions and requirements for being a Member of Parliament are laid down by statute. They cannot therefore, in form or in substance, be altered by resolution of either House. In fact, they are the nearest thing we possess to an "entrenched" part of the constitution.

It was for this reason that I steadily declined to obey the resolution of the House which required declaration of "Members' interests", while at the same time affirming my readiness to comply if the requirement should be imposed by law, and my submission to the inherent right of the House to punish and even expel any of its Members "without cause shown" and in particular for disobedience to any of its resolutions. The House in the event did not proceed against me. It would be a breach of the same basic principle to declare by resolution of the House its own subordination to rules regulating its conduct.

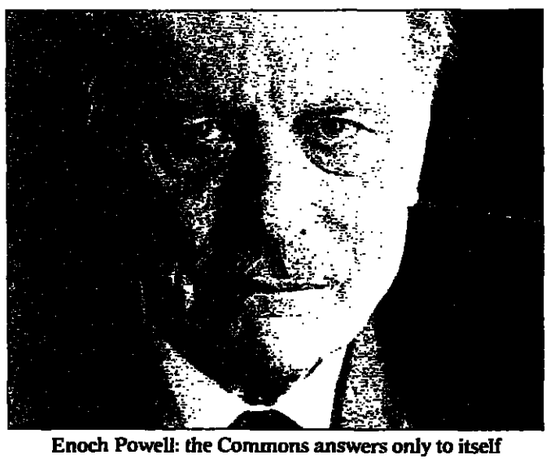
The trouble about the Nolan committee is that it was established to define the indefinable, and reduce to a set of rules that which cannot be so treated. The House of Commons expects its Members to behave as a gentleman would behave; but to sit down and draw up a schedule of how a gentleman will behave is in the nature of the case not possible. If it were, we could do without gentlemen.

At the root of all this debate there lies the question of why people become Members of Parliament, and to that there can be only one satisfactory reply. By satisfactory, I mean satisfactory to the public interest. It is not for career, nor for remuneration or perquisites. It is, quite simply, for the sake of being a Member of Parliament, because that is held to be an honourable thing to be. It is a matter, if one dare breathe the word in this "classless society", of *status*: the esteem of oneself and of one's fellow citizens. So long as this is the motivation of Members of Parliament, the public interest is safe in their hands. Should it ever cease to be the motivation, no amount of rule-making or supervision or regulation can provide a replacement.

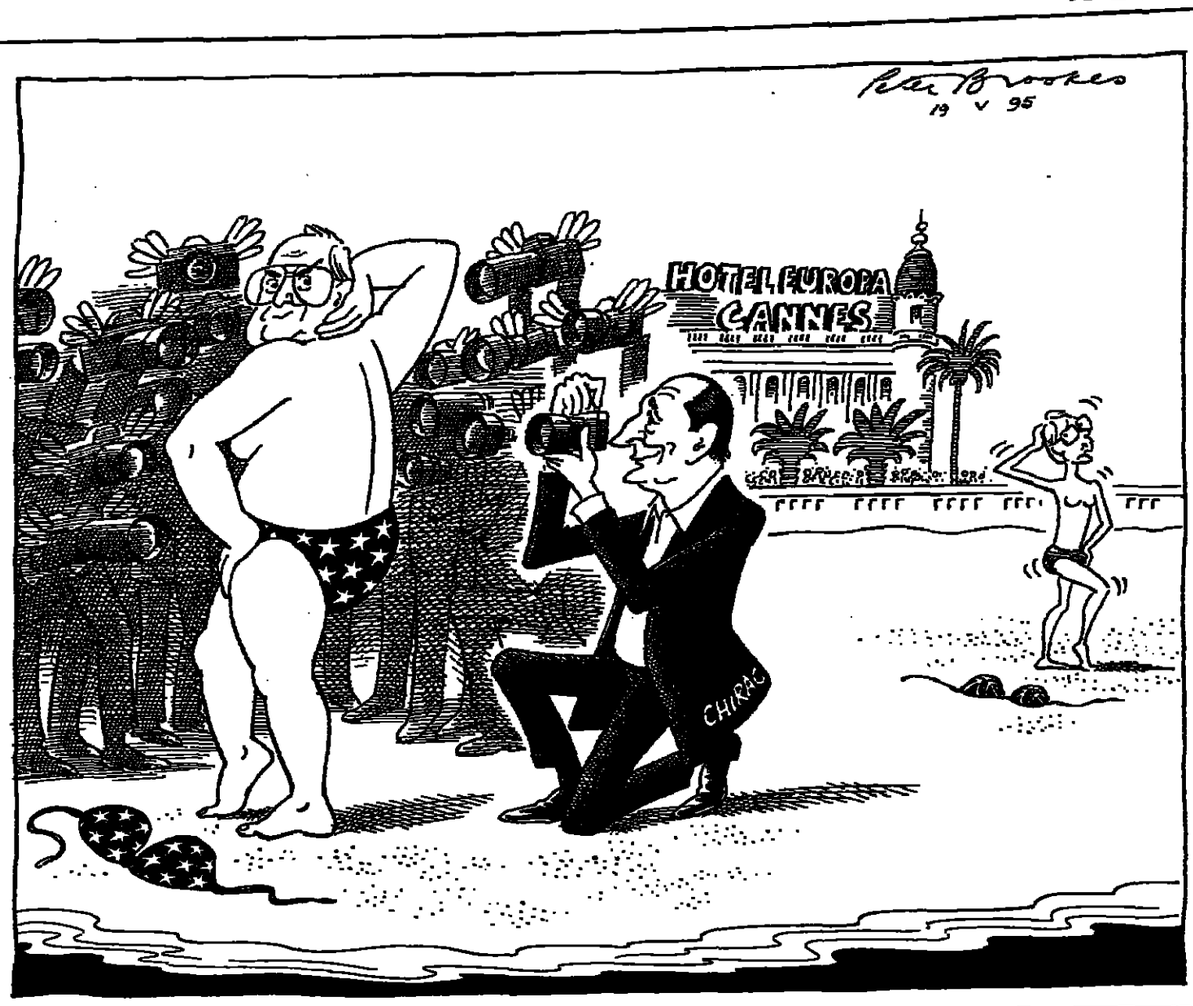
> The good standing of Parliament cannot be reduced to a set of rules

To be a Member of Parliament is a matter of status. It cannot be converted into "the rate for the job". The "job" — ugly word — is what the individual Member in his own conscience believes it to be, and there is no arguing with conscience or means of inventing an institution for its enforcement.

Emoluments have been introduced, increased, and elaborated. This has only damaged the concept of status. If "my honourable Friend" or "the honourable Member" is not honourable, no amount of regulation or supervision will make him so. If or when the House of Commons ceases to be an assembly of gentlemen, it will be hard to rescue; but Nolan or no Nolan, that time is, I hope, still far off. Impulse and ignorant clamour are ill counsellors in the matter of such an institution as the House of Commons with which history and habit have endowed the British nation.



Enoch Powell: the Commons answers only to itself



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A crime is a crime, but when experts are taken in and only reputations suffer, it can also be hilarious

Bernard Levin

I know it is anti-social, and I ought to be ashamed of myself — well, I am — but there is a streak in me which, when an enormous white-collar crime has been perpetrated and the villains have got away with millions, finds me cheering on the villains' side. I am not so depraved as to admire an example of robbery with violence — the train-robbers were hailed as daring heroes, but I still feel nothing but rage when I think of the train-guard they damaged for life by hitting him with an iron bar — and I would certainly be found on the victim's side if it were, say, a matter of a swindler who has conned decent and unmoneyed people out of their few pounds. But when it comes to the boardroom, and the members of the board are going pale as they have just found the gigantic hole in the balance sheet, I am to be heard chuckling, and on very good days (a good day is one on which the sum that has vanished is in seven figures) the chuckling turns into roars of laughter.

I don't know when or how I came to find myself on the side of the baddies, nor what it indicates. I have never thought, even for a moment, of taking up white-collar crime as a profession, and not only because I would undoubtedly be found out. There is an element in my *Schadenfreude* which says "serve them right", presumably meaning that they had too much money for their own good and it is a good idea to lighten their wallets, but I am sure that that is not the core of my amusement, which is wholly self-contained. (Obviously, I cheer more loudly when it is the banks that cop it, if only because their stupidity, greed and incompetence invite the trouble.)

My man of the month for some time past was the good Herr Jürgen Schneider (well, strictly speaking, the bad Herr Jürgen Schneider), who made a huge *reclame* in German property dealings and such, and was a pillar of probity, daring and wisdom, as was fully demonstrated by the fact that the banks had been told as much by the good Herr Schneider himself. The German banks (which are just the same as other banks, only in German) poured money into our hero's coffers on note of hand alone, and went on doing so until one bright and sunny day our hero vanished, taking with him all the money in the entire German banking system. He has never been seen again, nor has all the money in the entire German banking system.

No doubt you have guessed that I am about to describe a juicy scam in the boardrooms. True, I am, but I am going further than that: I have not one juicy scam for you but five, and I shall describe them in turn.

The first involves philately, of which I have said that it is the only thing more boring than trying to count the bubbles in a bathfull of bubble-bath. This case was said by the prosecution to be "one of the major stamp frauds of modern times"; I wasn't in court, but I hope that there was someone there who giggled at that point. Anyway, it seems that the culprit had got away every time with his forged stamps; even the other experts were fooled, and he could have gone on indefinitely, were it not that the hound of guilt bit him, leading him to confess to the police.

Then it becomes much more hilarious; indeed, I am on the verge of doubling up with laughter. This one concerns a Nigerian gentleman, Ogundeji by name. His fertile mind came up with an idea involving the most sober form of learning; all he did was to enrol as a student at no fewer than 12 universities simultaneously, the idea being that he would — and did — get the standard grants that go to every undergraduate. So little do our seats of learning know about anything other than their particular discipline that our hero would from time to time register twice at the same university, with nobody noticing. Ugundeji made some £40,000 a term before he was nobbled, and although that is a substantial sum, I am sorry that he was sent down for as long as three-and-a-half years.

Then comes an even more delightful story, though it is of the kind that only a swine like me would laugh at. True, the villain, one Andrew Rooke, was British, though working for a German firm (serve them right) as operations manager of a bank (another bank diddled — hurrah!), but what signalled that Rooke might be not quite 16 annas to the rupee was that he was "unwilling to return from Russia" — whither he had gone, no doubt, because it was cold there whereas here it was very much too hot for him to stay.

But that was nothing. Rooke claimed many distinctions which — how shall I put it? — were somewhat exaggerated. For instance, he told his solicitors that he was about to receive a million pounds, and backed up the claim with a false document. No million arrived, alas. As for Rooke's credentials, they were wonderfully romantic; he claimed, for instance, to be a chartered accountant, to have gained seven A levels, to have Italian professional qualifications, as well as actuarial and taxation ones, all of which where entirely chimerical. What is more, he had — careless fellow — forgotten that he had been convicted of eight offences, including obtaining property by deception, forgery and the use of false documents, and that a further eight offences had been taken into account. Oh, and the Securities and Futures Authority, studying Rooke's current scams, decided that he had "concealed the recent conviction deliberately and was blatantly dishonest in misleading his employers and the SFA".

But my favourite — surely it should be everyone's favourite, for it is so charming — concerns one Alak Krishnan, who has found the most delightful way to riches. He is a restless globetrotter going hither and thither and back again, and — how unlucky can you get? — *every time* he goes abroad he complains that his luggage has been stolen or opened and rifled. The unfortunate traveller naturally turns to the loss adjusters and insurance companies to make good the loss — that's what they are there for, after all — and Krishnan went to it: he claimed that he had lost *inter alia* 36 suits, 57 pairs of trousers, 86 shirts, ten leather jackets and seven pairs of binoculars, to say nothing of the cameras, laptop computers, camcorders, jewellery and silk saris for his ex-wife. (*Ah, monsieur, quelle délicatesse!*)

Yet the best is to come. I must say, before I plunge into it, that I have read the matter in hand several times, and I cannot understand a word of it. There is a company called Metallgesellschaft — presumably something to do with metals — and a man called Schimmelbusch who seems to be suing the Metallgesellschaft lot for $10 million for starters and on top of that claiming that he has been defamed. (I warn you: before I'm done I shall have run out of noughts.)

But you should take a look at what Mr Schimmelbusch is getting into. There is a man called Schmitz, whom Mr Schimmelbusch plainly wouldn't trust as far as he could throw him, and a Professor Merton Miller who has a Nobel Prize and says things like "the Deutsche Bank had misunderstood the oil futures" (I told you I wouldn't understand a word of it all), and there was a Mr Hartmann who said nothing but that Mr Schmitz "declines to speak to any media about this matter at this point", and so on, and on, and on. And, indeed, on.

And now, what is all this really about? Well, I could have been a loss adjuster, but I would have got bored very quickly. So I am content — truly content — to sit in the window-corner and watch the world go by. Because as it goes, it takes an infinite number of stories with it.

You see, I didn't seek out those true but amazing tales; they fell unbidden into my lap, and as I shook my head in wonder, I thought that this must be worth ten times as many losses any adjuster could count.

Oh, Mr Ogundeji with your 12 bogus university places; Oh, you philatelists with your forged postage stamps; Oh, Mr Krishnan with your eternal lost luggage; Oh, Mr Rooke with your claim to have seven GCE A levels, Oh, Mr Schimmelbusch, Oh, Mr Metallgesellschaft — you have all given us amusement, thought, a pleasantly idle hour or two, and done no harm to anyone. I rest my case.

Philip Howard



All honour to the man who brought East and West together

The Japanese are different. Their *mad cults* seem more violent, their manners more formal, their theatrical performances longer, their food fishier, their culture more impenetrable. Not surprisingly, the languages and literatures of the two island races have more trouble than most in achieving mutual understanding.

Since the 16th century there has been a small but steady flow of Japanese words into English, but mostly of specialised words describing life and culture on the other side of the world: bonsai, ju-jitsu, Nintendo, karaoke and tofu. Traffic of language in the other direction, by what the Japanese call *gairaigo* (imported language), has been heavier since the war cracked the xenophobia of Japan, and semantically wilder. The confusions of Janglish make good copy, from *baikingu* (a buffet meal, sc. smorgasbord, sc. Viking) to the title of a recent bestselling novel, *Bājin Rodo* ("Virgin Road"), which is meant to refer to the aisle a bride walks down in church.

International travel is breaking down the bamboo partitions between the two cultures. Every morning before the English have collected the milk from their doorsteps, Japanese tourists at Peter Pan's statue in Kensington Gardens bow and ask the early Jack-Russell-walker to snap them on their Canons against the pink blossom. Their faith in his cinematographic dexterity is touching but misplaced. From Jane Austen to Van Gogh, the Japanese are into European culture. And now, culture-hopping in the other direction, we have unveiled an English Heritage blue plaque to the Englishman who introduced Japanese literature to the West.

Arthur Waley did more than anyone before to open the eyes of the Western world to the classical literature of Japan and China. He taught himself both languages while working in the Oriental prints and drawings section of the British Museum. From *The Tale of Genji* to *The Pillow-Book of Sei Shōnagon*, his translations were bestsellers and influenced Yeats and Pound. Although often invited after he became famous, he never set foot in Japan or China. The British Museum was his new-found land, and his travels were voyages through ancient Oriental manuscripts.

His translations were attacked by the literati and parodied by Lytton Strachey. A professor sent him a postcard: "I am afraid I can't get much from your translations. I don't need a Chinese poet to tell me *that rivers don't turn back in* their courses." He was referring to Waley's couplet: "The hundred rivers eastward travel to the ocean; / Never shall they turn back again to the West." As it happened, Euripides had used much the same figure of the impossibility of rivers running uphill in *Medea*.

Waley once suggested that people who did not usually read poetry liked his poems because they were concrete and particular — about a beautiful tree or a lovely person — not abstractions about Beauty and Love in the Western tradition started by Plato. "Ordinary people have very little use for abstractions, and when poetry, under the influence of the higher education, becomes abstract, it bores them."

In the meeting of two worlds he started, the diligent Japanese have now rediscovered Waley. His widow Alison's story of their extraordinarily romantic on-off relationship, *A Half of Two Lives*, has been translated into Japanese, and Arthur's papers and more poems have been discovered by a Japanese researcher in the paper mountain at their home in Highgate. At the unveiling of the plaque to the scholar poet who introduced East to West, a Japanese professor sent Alison a message: "Cultivated Japanese understand intuitively what it means when a man has slipped through a mail-box a first line of a Uta poem. Your answer was: 'If you love and I love / Can it be we shall never meet?' In this way the 10th-century Japanese poem became a reality in 20th-century London. What a marvellous thing!"

Bedtime story

AN OPPORTUNITY to sleep in Vita Sackville-West's bed and to work in Harold Nicolson's study has arisen at Sissinghurst. The Elizabethan cottage where the literary couple lived for much of their unorthodox married life will soon become available for rent.

The present occupant is giving up the lease he has enjoyed for the past 10 years on South Cottage in Sissinghurst's gardens. Ed Victor, a literary agent who lives in the two-up, two-down cottage at one of the National Trust's most popular properties, is seeking pastures new.

"It's time to let someone else have a turn in South Cottage," he says. "My wife and I sleep in Vita's bed, and Harold's library is the greatest place on earth to work. I get four hours done in an hour when I'm at that desk. There's something about the atmosphere. Iris Murdoch and Stephen Spender have retreated there to work. And David Hare and Louis Malle wrote the sex scenes from *Damage* in the house."

The rent has not been disclosed, and there is the disadvantage of 50,000 visitors to the garden each year. Vita and Harold's son Nigel is on hand for advice at Sissinghurst Castle: "Both my parents died there and I grew up there, so I am fond of the place," he says. "I am rather envious that people can sleep in my mother's bed. But it is right that it should be there. The rest of the furnishings are quite ordinary and not very smart."



"I call him Sleaze because he keeps popping his head up"

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● *The Princess Royal clearly holds horses in high esteem in comparison to journalists. "A horse is a very non-judgmental thing; it doesn't say anything or make assumptions about what you can and cannot do and yet it seems to have an understanding of what people are capable of," she tells* The Field.

All change

LONDON TRANSPORT is proving itself to be an admirably broad church. After lobbying from transsexuals, it has agreed to accommodate those who are in the throes of a sex change with a new Travelcard.

The need has arisen because people undergoing a sex change are advised in therapy to live the life of their preferred sex prior to their operation. They may, for example, head for work as a man but choose to go out in the evening dressed as a woman. This has led to confusion among the ticket staff.

"We are now willing to issue two separate photocards — one for their male identity and one for the female identity — but with the same serial number," says a London Transport spokesman. "This is not something for transvestites, however. This is only for people undergoing sex change operations."

New horizons

AFTER SNAPPING up a Picasso for £18 million this week, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has decided to earn himself some loose change. He is to write his first advertising *jingles*, which will go with British Airways ads from the New Saatchi Agency.

The composer was approached by Maurice Saatchi, and his consent appears to have been a key factor in persuading British Airways to take its account to the agency. Lloyd Webber's last brush with the advertising world was when he advised on the music for the Conservative Party's 1992 successful election campaign. The smart money is he won't be doing the Tory jingle next time around.

In the Cannes

IF WE GO BY the auguries, Stephen Dorrell, who heads for the Cannes Film Festival this weekend, will lose his National Heritage portfolio. There appears to be a sinister correlation between British ministers attending the annual gathering and their prompt change of office.

David Mellor and Peter Brooke lost their jobs soon after the festival. Lord Hesketh was moved after returning from Cannes, where he represented the Department of Trade and Industry as the "films minister". And everyone is already talking about a move for Dorrell.

"It's a bit sad when all this money is spent on entertaining them," says David Aukin, head of drama at Channel 4, who will see Dorrell at the festival on Sunday.

Daddy's girl

THE 30-year-old daughter of the antipodean cartoonist Rolf Harris is continuing the family tradition at the easel. Bindi Harris launches her first exhibition of oils at London's Candid Gallery next week.



Bindi Harris: launching her first art exhibition

"My pictures are very emotional and impressionistic . . . absolutely nothing like Dad's, except that they're big," she says. In 1992, Rolf Harris surprisingly topped a poll of a thousand people asked to name a well-known artist — ahead of Michelangelo and Leonardo. Harris says: "I don't think people think I'm better than Rembrandt . . . but Bindi might keep them on their toes."

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Philip Howard



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ETERNAL TRIANGLE

Chirac will be looking for friends in London as well as Bonn

Much has been made in Paris and Bonn of President Chirac's first *tête-à-tête*, only hours after taking office, with Helmut Kohl. The symbolism was interpreted in both capitals as a sign that for, all his campaign rebelliousness, M Chirac has no intention of taking French foreign policy down a radically different path. Both M Chirac and his newly appointed Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, are likely in their new jobs to be as publicly committed to the partnership with Germany, the *franc fort* and the further integration of the European Union as M Juppé was in his old job as Foreign Minister.

This ought to reassure Herr Kohl. Indeed, the main fare during his dinner last night in Strasbourg with M Chirac was probably *platitudes du jour*. But beneath the bonhomie of a dinner — an astute move by M Chirac to win the friendship of his weighty German neighbour — there were probably twinges of indigestion. Herr Kohl is still nervous that M Chirac is not as fully committed to the European ideal as his predecessor. He knows that the new French President takes a more robust attitude to French sovereignty; that he has no interest in an increase in the authority of the European Parliament or diminution of the power of the Council of Ministers; and that French thinking in the run-up to next year's inter-governmental conference is no longer running parallel with ideas in Bonn.

In this long-standing marriage of convenience, France is finding the bonds too tight. M Chirac needs more room for economic manoeuvre. The fight against unemployment, a campaign priority and the issue on which the electorate expects quick results, demands a loosening of the European monetary restraint and high interest rates. M Chirac wants to borrow more, even if this makes attainment of the Maastricht convergence criteria more difficult. And, though he is as inhibited by the taboo over the franc's value as all his countrymen, he may secretly share the hopes of the few heretics calling for a slippage in his currency.

Herr Kohl, a political realist quick to understand the electoral needs of others, will give him as much leeway as he can. But the room for manoeuvre is inevitably limited by the Bundesbank. And Germany's political vision is more and more focused on the East. M Chirac, therefore, will be looking for openings elsewhere. This is where Britain might find the change in Paris to its advantage. The new Prime Minister is a pragmatist *par excellence*. He has already won the admiration of Douglas Hurd for his stewardship of the Quai d'Orsay and for policies — especially on Bosnia and defence — that have brought Britain and France closer together than for years. Hervé de Charette, the new Foreign Minister, is an unknown quantity, and policy is likely to remain firmly in M Juppé's hands.

Britain can make much of the areas where M Chirac's instincts coincide with John Major's. Both want to cut back the power of the European Commission. The most pro-American of Fifth Republic Presidents also wants to see closer French integration with Nato. All such shifts will remain in the framework of the Franco-German partnership: for France, this still remains inescapable. But Britain may find that under President Chirac the eternal triangle of Europe — Bonn, Paris and London — becomes more equilateral. And in the search for common ground before 1996, Mr Major may find hope in the Elysée.

INTERESTING CONFLICTS

Backbenchers may complain, but Nolan must be implemented

Conflicts of interest in public life are what the Nolan committee was set up to investigate. Nowhere were these conflicts more transparent than on the floor of the House of Commons yesterday. A basic interest of most individual MPs is to earn money to pay their bills, their mortgages, and — on one side of the House at least — their children's school fees. The interests of their parties on the other hand, and of Parliament as a whole, is that this basic individual form of behaviour be controlled.

To watch backbenchers wrestling with this issue in the debate on the Nolan report was an instructive experience. Sir Edward Heath, hardly the most popular of Conservative MPs, was cheered to the carved ceiling by his own side when he opposed the whole principle of the report. Others who were against tougher scrutiny of MPs' outside interests resorted to advocating statutory regulation. An alliance of Labour's Tony Benn with right-wing Tories such as Nicholas Budgen and Edward Leigh gives rise to justified scepticism.

Drawing up laws about what MPs can and cannot do would be time-consuming, cumbersome and quite inappropriate for the problem. The Nolan committee was only necessary in the first place because of some MPs' apparent inability to distinguish that grey area between what is disreputable and what is illegal. It would be absurd for members to be arrested and prosecuted for failing to declare an interest. Instead, Parliament should draw up its own rules, appoint its own Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and deal with transgressions itself. This is the most flexible solution and the one that works most closely with the grain of parliamentary sovereignty.

The interests of the Conservative Party and the Opposition ought to coincide in the implementation of the Nolan recommendations. Politics has fallen into disrepute, and there can barely be a person outside Parliament who does not believe that more scrutiny and transparency would help to restore confidence in the standards of public life. There may be other less attractive effects too: but, for the moment, the issue is confidence and corruption.

John Major now faces a classic dilemma. The standing of his Government would be improved were he to accept all of the report and put it straight into action. But he faces deep resistance from his own MPs, who see only personal embarrassment ahead. Either they will have to stop taking money from dubious sources, or they will have to confess to doing so, amounts and all, in public.

The Prime Minister is now being blamed for setting up the Nolan committee in the first place. If he does not follow it through, the public will not forgive him. If he does, his backbenchers will not forgive him. Politically, the Nolan report has become a gift for the Opposition. But the Labour Party is not immune from criticism. It should be unacceptable, for instance, that its frontbench health team is sponsored by Unison, one of the biggest trade unions in the National Health Service. How can spokesmen honestly claim to be representing consumers rather than producers while those producers are paying their bills?

If Tony Blair now intends to lay claim to the moral high ground, he will have to end the individual and group sponsorship of Labour MPs by trade unions. Unions could continue to give money to the party centrally, which could then be disbursed as appropriate. But no MP should feel beholden to any particular union by virtue of financial dependence. Labour will doubtless try to exploit the divisions of the Conservative Party on this issue. But it will have to put its own affairs in order first.

BETTER CRICKET

The English game cannot survive unchanged

As Richie Richardson and his newly-vincible West Indian cricketers "bed in" at the start of a long tour of England, attention turns to the state of English cricket. The new season is unfurling itself on soggy grounds across the land, and with it has come the same old tizzy. Why do our players not win more matches against serious international opposition? What changes should be wrought to the way in which we organise and play the game at first-class level? Is the malaise technical or is it rooted in our national temperament?

These questions, and others, were aired on Wednesday at *The Times*/*Dillons* cricket forum at Westminster Central Hall, at which Michael Atherton, Graham Gooch, Richie Benaud and Micky Stewart were the participants. It would be an exaggeration to say that the panel had all the answers: they did not. Yet the discussion that ensued from their thoughtful contributions to the national debate on the future of English cricket served at least to highlight those areas of the most acute concern — and also those areas where the most acrid disagreement lies.

There is little doubt that English county cricket fails to prepare cricketers adequately for the demands and manly bustle of modern Test cricket. This is because the county championship is extremely uncompetitive: there are too many journeymen playing; and the disparity between the better teams and those of a mediocre cut blunts the technical edge of even the best players.

A plausible way to achieve a higher degree of combativeness in the English game would be to introduce a two-tier championship, as proposed by county cricket's "big five" — Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Surrey, Warwickshire and Yorkshire. A two-division competition, with nine teams in the first division and nine in the second, would have more virtues than drawbacks. If relegation were to be the lot of the bottom three teams in the first division, and promotion the reward for the top three in the second, a new cut-and-thrust would come to the manner in which our players approach their cricket. If Gloucestershire, say, were placed ninth halfway through the season — with scant prospect of winning the championship — there would still be an incentive for its players to approach the game with a certain hunger. The threat of relegation would overcome any mid-season tendency to sporting banality.

The opponents of such reform would argue that smaller, poorer counties such as Derbyshire might be condemned to permanent exile in the backwaters of the second division. Yet by relegating and promoting three teams — as opposed to two, as some have suggested — there would be a greater fluidity of movement between divisions than is feared by those who oppose change. In any case, the time has perhaps come for a greater ruthlessness of aspect: if the reform of our county structure helps to add steel to the English game at Test level, it is a worthwhile enterprise. The loss of a county side or two is a small price to pay if England is to start to win Test matches again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Doubting British influence in EU

From Mr Alan Clark

Sir, Peter Riddell ("Banging the drum has its cost", May 15) does not cite a single instance of British "influence" in Europe being applied to our advantage. Nor does he give an example of where such influence might have been diminished by our (at present very mild) non-compliant attitude.

Having chaired the Council of Trade Ministers in Brussels for the whole of the period of the UK presidency I would assert that British influence is always unwelcome; and, subject only to the cursory niceties of diplomatic protocol, gives rise to a tacit, but immediate, conspiracy to resist or deflect it.

This was consistent and without regard to whether the British "case" was put with the patience, courtesy and attention to detail of Geoffrey Howe, or in the cruder language of Margaret Thatcher.

Europhils may have their own agenda. But the fact is that no other European state (except Switzerland, which has wisely kept out of the Community) has either the history of, or empathy with, parliamentary democracy as has the UK.

Their preference is for the bureaucratic monolith where everything can be either fixed or bought. Brussels diplomats plan, socialise and conspire in constant and informal association from which their British counterparts are discreetly excluded.

The only leverage (and it is a powerful one) possessed by Britain is that which comes from being a net contributor to the budget and a net debtor on the terms of trade. As to how much longer we can tolerate so debilitating a relationship, this remains, fortunately, a matter of contention.

Yours etc,
ALAN CLARK,
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May 15.

From the Co-Chairman of the Bruges Group

Sir, Peter Riddell seems to overestimate the Government's room for manoeuvre at the 1996 inter-governmental conference (IGC) review of the implementation of the Maastricht treaty.

While Mr Major has reaffirmed his support for a Europe of nation states in his 1993 *Economist* article, his 1994 Ellesmere Port and Leiden speeches, and in his 1995 Conservative Way Forward speech, the continental preference for federal integration has also intensified.

Mr Santer's federal prescription last week (report, May 11) cannot be lightly dismissed. Herr Kohl, in a tribute to M Mitterrand (*Le Monde*, May 11), advocated full political integration and denigrated a Europe of sovereign states. And the EU finance ministers' meeting last month at Versailles reaffirmed both the principle of a single currency and a revised timetable for completion by 2003.

Contrary to Peter Riddell's assertion, the IGC does not seem to offer a vision consistent with Mr Major's, let alone those of us of a more Eurosceptical inclination. In these circumstances it is only right and proper to raise the question of alternatives to federal integration as both Michael Portillo and Norman Lamont have done in their separate ways.

I remain, Sir, yours etc,
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May 16.

From Mr Richard Rawsthorn

Sir, Mr Riddell is right to point out the futility of Conservatives trying to cling to our sovereignty within Europe. However, by going all the way with the European Union as the price of helping to shape its course, they would, in my view, lose what little support they now have.

The sooner the party begins to talk openly about withdrawal the sooner it will start to win back support.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD RAWSTHORN,
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From Mr William Deller

Sir, Peter Riddell speaks of "maintaining British influence in Europe" but such influence is not proportional to the extent to which Britain embraces the concept of a centralised European Union. Presenting the EU as an either/or issue leads to the situation in which Britain finds itself — appeasement without influence.

There is always a spectrum of possibilities in life; restricting oneself to two constrains one to accept someone else's agenda, which may not be in one's own interests.

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Balance between caring for nurses and their patients

From Mrs Adrienne Mornement

Sir, If there is a "culture of absence" by today's nurses (leading article, May 16), I venture that the reason has more to do with the enormous managerial changes that have taken place over the last four years than with back injuries.

A nursing sister fully expects to take responsibility for general caring and running of a ward full of acutely sick patients, for the daily responsibility of bed availability, and for ensuring adequate trained staff coverage. To this has now been added responsibility for containment within overall budgets of expenditure for both human and physical resources, the demands for which are dictated by circumstances outside her control.

The acquisition of trust status has resulted in most hospitals reducing their manpower considerably, leaving wards and departments stretched to the limit. In addition the nursing staff now have to take on many of the responsibilities of hospital management.

Too often the raison d'être of nurses' commitment to patients has been exploited to prevent strike action. The Royal College of Nursing is right to vote for the power to strike (report, May 17). The profession has had enough abuse.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs Hilary Scott

Sir, One of the reasons why nurses are objecting to the Pay Review Body's recommendation on locally determined pay increases is that the mechanisms for negotiating these are not yet in place. The unions were given no warning that local pay bargaining was other than a consideration for the future. There is at present confusion as to who should be bargaining for whom.

Low morale among nurses is widespread and many are leaving the profession. For those of us who are left there is job insecurity and downgrading of posts, together with an ever-increasing workload and responsibility.

Is it then surprising that average sickness rates in the NHS are so much higher, as your leading article points out, than those at Nissan? Nissan has the reputation of being a caring and careful employer — a mantle which the NHS, alas, discarded along with Matron.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Michael R. Hanson

Sir, Nurses rightly enjoy a good deal of public sympathy and support, but they all too often seek a protection and immunity from inevitable developments which betray a lack of confident and robust professionalism. In recent years the Royal College of Nursing has opposed the introduction of professional management into the NHS, the Government's care in the community policy and its more recent wide-ranging reforms.

The college's reactions to such policy initiatives have usually been so swift as to suggest that PR and media considerations have ranked higher than mature professional judgment.

In 1979 the college contemplated "professional action", to express anger over pay and conditions, to be distinct from "industrial action" and to be designed to not affect patient care. That path was not followed, and in the assessment of Trevor Clay, the college's former General Secretary, it was a fortunate decision.

As he said: "If the RCN had gone down that road, the public would not have drawn the fine distinction; professional action would have been seen as industrial action ... but the RCN has developed a power base for nursing outside industrial action."

Today's nursing leaders face a formidable array of challenges: to make community care effective, to maintain professional unity and integrity given the fragmentation within the NHS, to develop the extended role of the nurse and implement professional updating, and to look at the ethical issues of rationing in health care.

They will also have to encourage commissioning authorities to articulate the health care needs of their areas, to argue about the totality of health care resources, and to see the Pay Review Body evolve to monitor rewards in the NHS and the private sector and to provide data to those involved in pay determination.

The RCN's contribution to these issues will be harmed if it goes down the path of industrial action, and to pretend that this will not affect patients is pure sophistry.

Yours faithfully,
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May 17.

From Dr P. E. Barley

Sir, If local pay for nurses is accepted this will mean an even greater imbalance of health care for patients than exists at present. Health trusts that are less wealthy will not be able to offer the better rates of pay of the wealthier trusts and will not fill their nursing vacancies.

National pay, with weighting for London, at least ensures that money does not stop nurses applying for jobs in the less well-known hospitals.

I hope that patients who live away from the major medical centres will support their nurses — while they still have them.

Yours faithfully,
P. E. BARLEY,
The Haven, Church Path,
Great Mongeham, Deal, Kent.
May 16.

From Mr John Junkin

Sir, In recent months innumerable "justifications" have been published for the high salaries paid to executives of the utilities, the essence appearing to be that if you want the best you must pay for it.

If there is one group of people to which that criterion applies, it must be nurses. A referendum should verify this with one question: "Which would you prefer, a state-of-the-art musical gas cooker or your life?"

Surely we must pay nurses what they ask; we could never afford to pay them what they deserve.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN JUNKIN,
Juson's Glebe,
Wendover, Buckinghamshire.
May 16.

School waste

From Mr P. M. Burrows

Sir, Sir John Acland's letter of May 15, deploring the waste of DfE money on needless documents for teachers and governors, comes as a breath of fresh air. Last term, here in Surrey, governors and teachers were sent a glossy brochure setting out the objectives which all school heads worthy of their salt should have held ever since their entry into the teaching profession. In line with modern trends, whereby even earthworms have natural rights, each of its laudable proposed aims was introduced with the words "Every learner is entitled to ..." (meaning, of course, "it is desirable that ...").

We pointed out to the local education authority that most of the aims could be more simply achieved through more frequent informal, friendly visits from educational advisers. The result has been the promise of a new and revised edition.

Yours faithfully,
P. M. BURROWS,
41 Harrison Close, Reigate, Surrey.

From the Reverend J. W. Ratings

Sir, May I add to Sir John Acland's justified complaint by drawing attention to another waster of time and money at local level? The governors of all schools must produce a report for the annual general meeting of the school, which is circulated to all parents and guardians of pupils, normally at this time of the year.

This takes much time and money (especially in secondary schools) on the part of the governors and administrative staff, yet it is abundantly clear from the AGM attendance figures that these reports remain unread by the vast majority of parents. Although they are not quite as boring or irrelevant as Ofsted reports following school inspections, the necessity to send a copy to every parent should be scrapped, and they should be issued only to those who attend.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN W. RATINGS,
The Vicarage, Wargrave,
Reading, Berkshire.

From Dr D. C. Lewis

Sir, Sir John Acland's excellent and plain-speaking letter could be applied *mutatis mutandis* to the health service. In our practice in Shropshire, the shredder has become as useful a tool as any piece of medical equipment.

Yours sincerely,
D. C. LEWIS,
Breidden, Upper House Farm Drive,
Alberbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Artistic reunion

From Mr Paul Gotch

Sir, John Russell Taylor's review (Arts, May 16) of the Thomas Cooper Gotch retrospective exhibition at Kettering, headed "Puzzlingly neglected", was encouraging. It was partly this apparent neglect that spurred 52 of the artist's descendants to travel to his home town and see these paintings.

The oldest of us was nearly eighty and the youngest a babe-in-arms. Whatever Gotch's symbols or puzzles may have been, it was clear that the model for many of the girls he portrayed must have been his daughter, the baby's great-great-grandmother; a cousin recognised her mother playing the cello; I saw a sketch of my father as a baby; and another elderly cousin found a portrait of himself, aged four.

The four generation gaps were lessened, on what was a rare occasion and an illuminating experience, for which we are all grateful.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL GOTCH,
15a Copse Hill, Wimbledon, SW20.
May 17.

Comings and goings

From Mr James H. Longworth

Sir, Mr M. J. D. Boyle asks [letter, May 11; other letters, May 13, 15] when did the expression "I see what you are driving at" give way to "I see where you are coming from"? I imagine that this was about the time that "I'll bring you up to date" was overtaken by "I'll bring you up to speed". Both developments seem unhealthily preoccupied with life in the fast lane.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES H. LONGWORTH,
30 Yew Tree Avenue,
Grimsargh, Preston, Lancashire.

Carry-on luggage

From Mrs J. Carlebach

Sir, Your correspondence about carry-on luggage for air travellers (letters, April 19, May 9) leads me to doubt the sense in the reorganisation of Gatwick North Terminal.

May I ask the BAA to explain the use of all the shops in the departure area?

Having checked in at British Airways with my one piece of hand luggage last time, I rather fancied a skirt and jacket, to which I wanted to add a matching blouse, then shoes and handbag and a large square woollen stole, as well as my usual whisky, chocolates and smoked salmon.

How are purchases in the duty-free area to be carried on the aircraft — or are we not supposed to buy anything?

Yours on my way to the departure lounge,
MYRNA CARLEBACH,
Hirschgasse 5,
69120 Heidelberg, Germany.
May 9.

Actors in wartime

From Lieutenant Commander Leslie Plummer

Sir, Robert Manwaring's letter (May 11) mentions Sir Michael Hordern's diction and the good use made of it in directing aircraft during his war service. It was at the Royal Naval Aircraft Direction Centre in the remote but beautiful area of St Ann's Head, South Wales, that we used "wire recorders", prototypes of the modern "tape", to record trainees' voices and play them back to their owners for criticism or praise.

It was also there that a splendid theatre company was formed under the direction of Peter Powell, subsequently director at the Globe Theatre, Dublin, which toured locally performing plays such as *Night Must Fall*, *Macbeth* and *Twelfth Night*.

Alas, both buildings and company have disappeared without trace.

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE PLUMMER,
43 Woodstock Close, Oxford.

Thames view

From Mr Geoff Walker

Sir, Simon Jenkins states "the only real fusing of architecture and water in London is Quinlan Terry's Richmond town centre" (article, May 13).

Is he not overlooking what is arguably the finest architecture on the river, the Royal Naval College at Greenwich?

With so little architecture of note on the Thames can we not preserve this fabulous piece of our national heritage? Greenwich council wish to build a sunken bypass in front of it and have applied to the Millennium Commission for funding. Our fear is that the works will irrevocably damage the "Canaleto view" and that the council may be well on the way to fulfilling Simon Jenkins's exhortation: "The chief contribution to beautifying the Thames would be demolition not construction".

Yours faithfully,
G. A. E. WALKER,
Save Our Shoreline campaign,
Xanadu, Rodborough Common,
Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Crossed line

From Mr Laurence Hatchwell

Sir, Lord Beloff's dismissal (letter, May 17) of the comparison between Keble College and a French railway station ("*C'est magnifique mais ce n'est pas la gare*") reminds me of a much more apt parallel which in the early 1970s I recall finding inscribed amongst graffiti on the polychromatic brickwork of its Keble Road frontage. "This", passers-by were informed, "is a college, not a Fair Isle sweater".

Yours faithfully,
LAURENCE HATCHWELL,
60 Gibson's Hill, Norbury, SW16.

From Mr Charles Miskin

Sir, There may be a dispute between Lord Beloff and Matthew Parris as to which of Worcester and Keble colleges was attributed the Balaclavan pun. But will they confirm that murmured once in the beer cellar at Worcester were the words "*C'est magnifique mais ce n'est pas lager*"?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MISKIN,
36 Essex Street, WC2.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 18: His Excellency Mr Antonio Costa Lobo was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary form the Portuguese Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Francisco Xavier Esteves (Minister Counsellor), Mr António Ribeiro (Minister Plenipotentiary, Consul General), Commander Rui Palhinha (Defence and Naval Attaché), Lieutenant Colonel Manuel Brasão (Military and Air Attaché), Mr Pedro Costa (Second Secretary), Mr Rui Knopfli (Press Counsellor), Mr Eugénio Lisboa (Cultural Counsellor) and Mr Manuel Bastos (Economic Counsellor).

Mrs da Costa Lobo was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr Justice Bennett was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

Mr Roy Reeve was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Ukraine.

Mrs Reeve was also received by Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, today attended Receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have achieved the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

His Royal Highness, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Mayfair Intercontinental, Stratton Street, London W1.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception given by the Anglo-Netherlands Society in the Old Library, Guildahll, London, EC2.

Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 18: The Prince Edward, Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this morning chaired "the World of the Award Presentation" at the Mayfair Intercontinental, Stratton Street, London W1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 18: The Princess Royal today visited Lincolnshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mrs Robert Cracroft-Eley).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited the Guildhall, Boston, in celebration of the Four Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter.

The Princess Royal afterwards opened the Bath Gardens Partnership Housing Scheme, South Terrace, Boston, and subsequently attended the Civic Luncheon in the Assembly Rooms.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new Technology, Art and Administration Building at Queen Eleanor Comprehensive School, Green Lane, Stamford.

The Princess Royal later visited the Rutland and Stamford Mercury Newspoaper offices, Sheepmarket, Stamford.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 18: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Friends of the Royal Free Hospital, was present this afternoon at the Annual General Meeting, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester today visited Tyne and Wear and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the Sir James Spence Institute of Child Health, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester opened Bedes World, Jarrow, South Shields, and afterwards opened the new City Library and Arts Centre, Fawcett Street, Sunderland.

Later His Royal Highness attended a presentation on the new Northern Regional Architecture Centre and subsequently opened "A Soldier's Life" exhibition at the Discovery Museum, Blandford Square, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 18: The Duke of Kent, President, the Imperial War Museum, this evening attended a dinner in aid of the American Air Museum in Britain, Stouffer Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, DeSalle Street, Baltimore, the United States of America.

The Duchess of Kent this evening presented the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Annual Awards, the Barbican Hall, London EC2.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Exeter University at 10.10; and will visit the Devon County Show, Exeter, at 12.10.

The Princess Royal will visit the Macmillan palliative care unit at Evesham Community Hospital, at 11.35; will open the new European headquarters of Southco, Wainwright Road, Warndon, Worcester, at 12.55; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the Birmingham City Appeal meeting and reception at the Council House, Victoria Street, at 3.00.

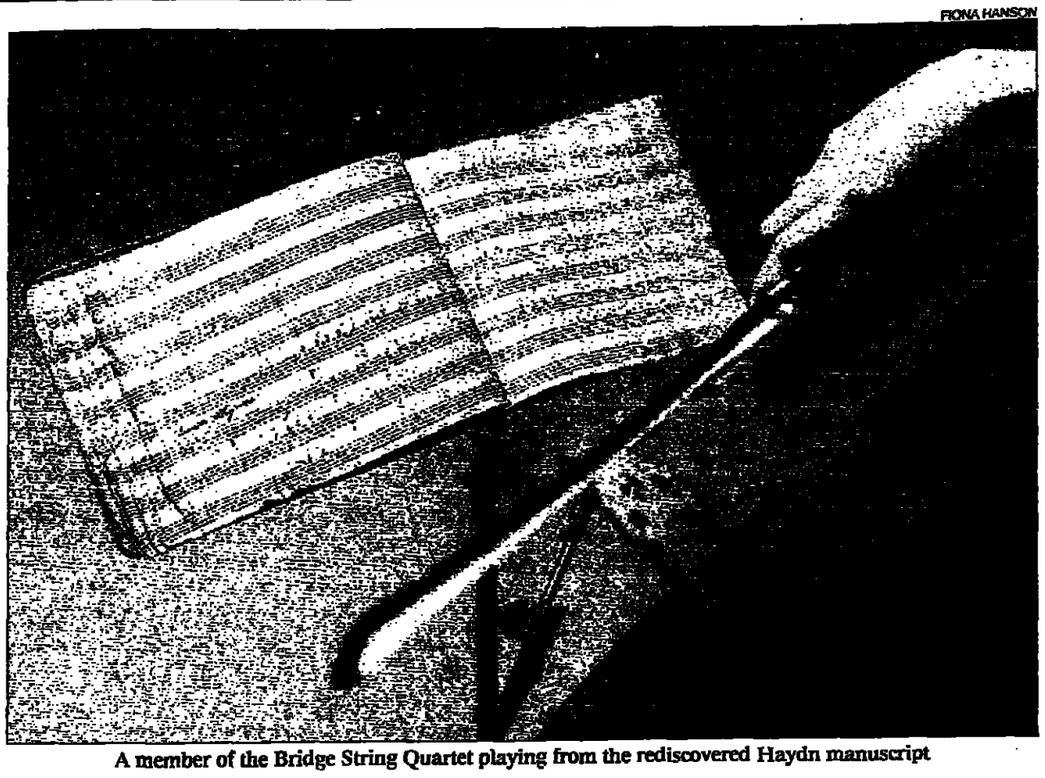
The Duke of Gloucester will unveil a monument at 11.30 in College Valley of the Cheviot Hills to those airmen from several countries who died in the valley during World War II. Later, he will open Alchema's new electronics factory, East Ord Industrial Estate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, at 2.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend the launch of Environment Week at Shoreside Primary School, Ainsdale, Southport, at 1.30; will visit the garden for the blind and disabled at Hesketh Park, Albert Road, at 2.35; will visit Philips Components, Balmoral Drive, at 3.30; and, as Patron of Scottish Opera, will attend a performance of *The Marriage of Figaro* at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, at 6.50.

School news

Hampton School
The following entrance scholarships and exhibitions have been awarded for the year 1995:
Nathaniel Lacey Scholarships (13+): James Gibson, Ripley Court: William Wells, The Mall.
John Jones Exhibitions: Matthew Horner, Newland House: Stephen Mir, Twickenham Preparatory School; Thomas Perry, The Mall: Alexander Scrotton, Davies Hill; Duncan Zollner, Shrewsbury House.
Art Exhibition: Simon Wright, Denmead.
Edmund Pigeon Scholarships (11+): Simon Morris, Sheen Mount; Nicholas Kingston-Smith, Sheen Mount.
Hammond Scholarships: Julian Kahn, Twickenham Preparatory School; Nathan Owen, Hampton Junior.
Nicholas Pigeon Exhibitions: Paul Aziz, The Licensed Victuallers School; Jason Boesinger, Chatsworth Junior; Daniel Thomas, St James's, Twickenham.
Music Exhibition: Edward Boyns, Westward Preparatory School.
Hampton School is a charitable trust for the purposes of educating children.

Lyndhurst School, Camberley
Lyndhurst School, Camberley, celebrates its Centenary in 1995. Open Day will be June 24. Old Boys and Old Girls welcome. For information telephone 01276 22895.


FIONA HANSON

A member of the Bridge String Quartet playing from the rediscovered Haydn manuscript

Haydn manuscript sells for £660,000

BY JOHN SHAW

THE draft manuscript of four major Haydn string quartets was sold for a record £661,500 in a music sale at Sotheby's in London yesterday.

It was bought by Hans Schneider, an antiquarian book dealer from Tutzing, near Munich, who outbid a private collector on the telephone. The price set a new record for one of the composer's manuscripts, considerably higher than the previous best of £140,000 set in 1993.

The working draft for Opus 50, numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6, had been considered lost until it was taken to a Haydn festival in Melbourne, Australia, in 1982. It was owned by a lady who had been keeping it under the bed. Although she knew what the manuscript was she did not realise it was unknown to scholars and that study of it would reveal significant differences between Haydn's composition and the way the quartets are performed today.

Since its discovery the document has been in a bank vault. The woman and her husband, who wish to remain anonymous, want to use the money to set up a trust to help young musicians.

The document was purchased by an ancestor from a London saleroom as a form of security when the family was about to emigrate to Australia in 1851.

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) is known as the father of the string quartet and these pieces are important as they are the first he composed after hearing six quartets dedicated to him by Mozart. The four works sold yesterday are among the few Haydn manuscripts not already in a major library or institution.

Jurgen Fischer, a representative of Hans Schneider who bought the manuscript, said afterwards that the firm was not acting on commission for a client. It was a good price "But I would have gone a little higher. I was determined to get it. It is a wonderful piece."

A delighted Dr Stephen Roe, head of the books and manuscripts department at Sotheby's, said: "It is one of the greatest music manuscripts ever to come here and the only major complete Haydn manuscript to be sold at auction since the Second World War. It has told us a lot about his original ideas. It is full of performance information unknown in other editions. There are crossings-out and changes which show how these quartets evolved."

The Bridge String Quartet played excerpts at the pre-sale viewing.

Birthdays today

Professor John Ball, mathematician, 47; Miss Candice Bergen, actress, 49; Sir Peter Bowness, solicitor, 52; Mr Esmond Bulmer, chairman, H.P. Bulmer Holdings, 60; Dr Edward de Bono, lateral thinker, 62; Mrs Justice Ebsworth, 58; Mr James Fox, actor, 56; Baroness Hylton-Foster, 87; Mrs Helen Jackson, MP, 56; Mr David Jacobs, broadcaster, 69; Mr Justice Judge, 54; Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, 67; Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, broadcaster and former MP, 53; Mr Roger Laughton, chief executive, Meridian Television, 53; Mr John Lyons, trade unionist, 69; Mr Michael McGowan, MEP, 55; Mr Noel Mander, organ builder, 83; Sir Edward Parkes, former Vice-Chancellor, Leeds University, 69; the Earl of Pembroke, 56; Dr Max Perutz, OM, CH, molecular biologist, 81; the Earl of Powis, 43; Sir Kenneth Preston, former chairman, Stone-Platt Industries, 94; Sir Michael Scott, diplomat, 72; Professor Gordon Stone, chemist, 70; Mr Pete Townshend, guitarist and singer, 50; Mr Stephen Varcoe, baritone, 46; Mr Sandy Wilson, composer, 71; Miss Victoria Wood, comedian, 52.

Travellers Club

On May 18, the Travellers Club, in association with the Foundation for Hellenic Culture, held an Exhibition of illustrated books relating to the adventures of early British travellers in Greece. The Exhibition was in the Library of the Club. A short address was given by Professor Peter Levi, former Professor of Poetry at Oxford University.

Lecture

Royal Society
Professor John Guest, FRS, Professor of Microbiology at Sheffield University, delivered the 1995 Royal Society Leeuwenhoek Lecture yesterday at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Professor P.J. Lachmann, FRS, the biological secretary of the society, was in the chair.

Dinners

Middle Temple
The Treasurer of Middle Temple, Mr Justice Waterhouse, and the Masters of the Bench gave a dinner in Hall last night, it being the Grand Day of Easter Term.
Among those present were:
Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, Lady Zuckerman, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Baroness Warnock, Lord Wyatt of Weeford, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lady Nolan, Sir Thomas Bingham, Lord Justice Glidewell (treasurer, Gray's Inn), Lord Justice Hirst (treasurer, Inner Temple), Sir Percy Cradock, Lady Waterhouse, Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen Berthon, Sir William Mars-Jones, Major-General Lennox Napier, Mr Donald Sinden, Mr Gerard Elias, QC, Miss Frances Gibb, Brigadier Charles Wright (under treasurer) and Mrs Wright.

Lincoln's Inn
The Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, Mr Oliver Lodge, and the Masters of the Bench gave a dinner in Hall last night it being the Grand Day of Easter Term. Among those present were:
Viscount Gough, the Right Rev John Bickersteth, Lord Burnham, Lady Dillon, Sir Oliver and Lady Scott, Sir Denis Thatcher, Lady Mervyn Davies, Lieutenant-General Sir Robin and Lady Carnegie, Sir Thomas Legg, QC, Sir James Stubbs, Sir William Van Straubenzee, His Honour Sir David and Lady West-Russell, Count François de Curzon, Mr Gordon Etherington-Smith, Professor Philip Love, Professor Roland and Professor S Miers Oliver, Professor Humphrey Kay, Mrs David Macindoe, Major and Mrs Edward Kenney-Herbert, Mr Brian Masters, Mrs David Hughes and Captain P M Carver, RN (under treasurer).

Service dinner

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
Major-General D.P.Thomson presided at a dinner of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Dinner Club held last night at the Caledonian Club. Colonel A.M. Mason, RM, was the principal guest.

Royal Aeronautical Society

The following have been elected Fellows of the Society and may use the designatory letters FRAeS:
Mr Maral Mohammed Abuzakouk, Mr Amin K C Badr-El-Din, AVM John Alexander Baird, Mr Ross Dunstan Barkla, Gp Capt John Colwill, Mr Peter Crawford, Mr John Clement Dancer, Mr Ian J Diamond, Gp Capt Thomas Eeles, Wg Cdr Roland Lovat Fraser, ACM Sir Robert Freer, Mr Sudhir Laxman Gai, Mr Christopher Geoghegan, Mr Michael John Goodyer, Mr Andrew G A Gray, Mr J D Hare, Mr John Antony Hurford, Mr Robert John Heath, Mr Peter David Nelson Hedderwick, Mr David Louis Henry, Mr Brian John Hunter, Mr Simon Howison, Mr Robert Hector Jeal, Mr Graham Frank Jenkins, Mr John Leahy, Mr Charles Bernard Lewis, Mr Wyndham Bembow Lewis, Mr Alexander Sabine Courtenay Lumsden, Mr David Arthur Ambler Marshall, Mr Charles Wood Masterton, Mr Andrew Allistair McDicken, Dr Malcolm K McKintosh, Mr Graeme John McMahon, Mr Donald Jack Neese, Mr Brian John Oke, Mr John Patterson, Mr Derry Frank Pearce, Mr Justin Peter F M Potocki de Montalk, Mr Michael J Roberts, Captain John Bankier Robinson, Mr Anthony J Scanlon, Mr Michael Sydney Sharland, Mr John Nicholas Sharman, Mr Michael A Stacey, Mr Michael Frank Steeden, Mr Franz J Sturmeier, Mr James Taylor, Professor Ernesto Vallerani, Mr Michael Leonard Ward, Professor Brian Roland Williams, Mr Michael Roy Williams.

The following has been elected as a Companion of the Society:
Mr John Chisholm

Meeting

The Hospitallers' Club
Sir Robin Gillett was the chief guest and speaker at the 75th anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the Hospitallers' Club, held at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, on Friday, May 12. Mr A.H. Hamilton-Hopkins, Master of The Scriveners' Company, presented a life member's badge of office to the club on behalf of past president Mr B.J.F. Theobald-Hicks. Mr S.P. Kelly, president, was in the chair. Among those present were:
Mr Richard Waiduck, Mr D.R. Keltie, MBE, (vice president), Mr R.A. Payne, JP, Mr D.R. Fenton, MVO, MBE, DL, Mr L.A. Webb, MBE, Mr J.H. Gerrard, CBE, MC, QPM, and Mr A.L. Gillings, JP, with many other club members.

Lord Goodman, CH

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lord Goodman, CH, will be held at noon on Monday, June 19, at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road, London, NW8. For tickets apply to: The Secretary, Flat 2, 79 Portland Place, London, W1N 3AL, with sae.

Lady Joyce Haslam

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lady Joyce Haslam will be held at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, on Tuesday, June 27, at 11am. Friends will be very welcome.

Ian Robert Palmer

A Memorial Service will be held to commemorate the life of Ian Robert Palmer and his contribution to Business Technology, on Thursday, May 25, at St Peter's Church, Windsor Street, Chertsey, Surrey at 2.30pm. A scholarship is to be established at Keble College, Oxford, to perpetuate his name. Those wishing to make donations or enquire about the Memorial Service should call Stacey Morgan on (01932) 573612.

Receptions

Anglo-Netherlands Society
The Duke of Edinburgh was received by the Lord Mayor and Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, President of the Anglo-Netherlands Society, and Lady Vanneck at a reception held last night at Guildhall to mark the society's seventy-fifth anniversary. The Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom received the guests who included the Ambassador of the Netherlands and Mme van Roijen.

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were the hosts last night at a reception held at 10 Downing Street for Her Majesty's Lords Lieutenant.

Knighthood

Mr Justice Newman to receive a knighthood on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.C. Boyd
and Miss C.A. Busby
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr A.D. Boyd, of Tideswell, Derbyshire, and Mrs J.W. Boyd, of Ferndown, Dorset, and Clare, daughter of Mrs P. Busby, of Ferndown, Dorset, and Mr J.L. Busby, of Pinner, Middlesex.

Mr R.I. Brannigan
and Miss H.E. Hamacher
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Brannigan, of Eketahuna, New Zealand, and Heike, daughter of Mr and Mrs Klaus Hamacher, of Seelscheid, Germany.

Mr J. Carleton Paget
and Miss L. Edwards
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr John Carleton Paget and Mrs Sheila Carleton Paget, and Lauren, daughter of Mrs Taryn Baldwin Edwards, of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr C.G. Clark
and Miss F.D. Allpress
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Clark, of Kingsley Green, Haslemere, Surrey, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Allpress, of Kropswolde, The Netherlands.

Mr C. Hendry
and Mrs S.A. Moores
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mrs Peggy Hendry, of Truro, Cornwall, and of the late Mr Charles W.R. Hendry, and Sallie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart S. Smith, of Curbar, Derbyshire.

Mr M.G. Leatham
and Mrs S.E. Alsop
The engagement is announced between Michael Gurney Leatham, of Penrhos, Monmouthshire, and Sally Eden Alsop, of Wyesham, Monmouth.

Mr D.C. Richards
and Miss E.J. Leach
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr Colin Richards and the late Mrs Shirley Richards, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Leach, of Christleton, Chester.

Mr A.N.H. Shapiro
and Miss J.L. Goldring
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs John Shapiro, of Greatham, Hampshire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Goldring, of Rogate, West Sussex.

Mr C.R. Gate
and Miss S.A. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mrs Regina Gate and the late Mr George Gate, of Brampton, Ontario, Canada, and Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Thomas, of Lyddon House, King's Stag, Dorset.

Mr G.A. Ruddle
and Miss J.K. Woodcock
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr Tony Ruddle, of Oakham, Rutland, and Mrs Elizabeth Ruddle, of Woburn Sands, Buckinghamshire, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mrs Nancy Woodcock, of Chelsea and the late Mr Julian Woodcock.

Mr G. Turner
and Miss A.L. Lambert
The engagement is announced between Graham, only son of the late Mr Clive Turner and of Mrs Barbara Hood, of Canterbury, Kent, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Lambert, of Friars Cliff, Dorset.

Mr A.J.M. Watson
and Dr F.E. Jamieson
The engagement is announced between Alasdair, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Albert Watson, of Edinburgh, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Jamieson, of Bridge of Allan.

Mr P.A. Watson
and Miss K.S.D. Butt
The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Mrs A.H. Watson, of Newcastle, and Katherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.R.D. Butt, of Abbotts Ann, Hampshire.

Mr C.W.V. Wright
and Miss A.E. Yardley
The engagement is announced between Crispin, son of Mr and Mrs C.W. Wright, of Seaborough, Dorset, and Anne, eldest daughter of Mr Gordon Yardley, of Pedmore, West Midlands, and Mrs Eileen Yardley, of Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

Marriage

Mr R.M. Smith
and Miss L.J. Cavanagh
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 6, 1995, at Crathie Church, Crathie, of Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Smith, of Woking, Surrey, to Lisa, daughter of the late Mr Ian Cavanagh and of Mrs Margaret Cavanagh, of Crathie, Aberdeenshire.

Luncheons

Aldgate Ward Club
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs Jonathan Charkham, attended a luncheon of the Aldgate Ward Club held yesterday at Guildhall. Mr Charles Bowman, president, was in the chair.

American Chamber of Commerce (UK)
Sir Colin Marshall, Chairman of British Airways, was the principal guest and speaker at a luncheon of the American Chamber of Commerce (UK) held yesterday at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Sir Brian Goswell, president, was in the chair.

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government in the Locarno Room of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in honour of a parliamentary delegation from the Russian Federation.

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce
Sir Graham Day was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Painter-Stainers' Hall. Mr Denis Keast, president, was in the chair. The Canadian High Commissioner and the Agents General for British Columbia and Quebec were among those present.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jacob Jordaens, painter, Antwerp, 1593; Johann Gottlieb Fichte, philosopher, Rammenau, Germany, 1762; Dame Nellie Melba, soprano, Richmond, near Melbourne, 1861; Lady Astor, first woman to take her seat as an MP, Danville, Virginia, 1879; Ho Chi-Minh, President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam 1954-69, Kimlien, Vietnam, 1890; Sir Michael Balcon, film producer, Birmingham, 1896; Malcolm Little (Malcolm X), American Muslim leader, Omaha, Nebraska, 1925; Charles Mark Boxer (Marc), cartoonist, 1931; Alma Cogan, singer, London, 1932.

DEATHS: Alcuin, scholar, Tours, France, 804; St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 961-88, Canterbury, 988; Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII, executed, London, 1536; Charles Montagu, 1st Earl of Halifax, politician and poet, London, 1715; James Boswell, biographer of Samuel Johnson, London, 1795; Nathaniel Hawthorne, novelist, Plymouth, New Hampshire, 1864; José Marti, Cuban patriot and poet, Dos Rios, 1895; William Ewart Gladstone, Prime Minister 1868-74, 1880-85, 1886 and 1892-94, Hawarden, Clwyd, 1898; T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), Clouds Hill, Dorset, 1935; Charles Ives, composer, New York, 1954; Coleman Hawkins, jazz musician, New York, 1969; Ogden Nash, humorist and writer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1971; Sir John Betjeman, Poet Laureate 1972-84, Trebetherick, north Cornwall, 1984.

Napoleon instituted the Légion d'honneur, 1802.

The Tonga Islands were annexed by Britain, 1900.

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BURDETT - On May 16th, at The Rosie, Cambridge, to Rachel (née Gent) and John, a daughter, Sophie Clare.

CONNOLLY - On May 10th, to Joanne and Ben, a son, Joshua John Henry.

DINARDI - On May 3rd 1995, in Maryland, U.S.A., to Alison (née Bramford) and Gregory, twin sons, Noah Standish and Kyle Anthony.

GRESSWELL - On April 13th, to Caroline (née Knollys) and Daniel, a daughter, Eleanor Lucy. Better late than never!

HALCROW - On May 6th, to Robert and Emma, a son, Oliver John, a brother for William.

HAMMOND - On May 14th, to Sally (née Brodie) and Stephen, a daughter, Alice.

HARLEY-MASON - To Geoffrey and Gillian (née Ottaway), on 11th April, a daughter, Rebecca Joy.

MacDONNELL - On May 16th, at home, to Sophia and Julian, a daughter, Constance Elizabeth Bluebell, a sister for Amity.

O'BRIEN - On May 12th 1995 at London U.C.H., to Carol (née Clark) and Nigel, a lovely daughter, Eve.

SUTCLIFFE - On May 12th, to Debbie and John, a daughter, Olivia Grace, a sister for Sam, William and Jack.

BIRTHS

TALFOURD-COOK - On May 4th, to Penelope (née Bricknell) and James, a daughter, Amelia Rose.

WILD - On May 14th, to Joanna, wife of Christopher, a son.

WILSON - On 11th May, at University College Hospital, to Jennifer (née Barnes) and Richard, Clara Hope Barnes, a sister for Samuel.

DEATHS

ARMITSTEAD - On May 16th, on his 93rd birthday, The Reverend Geoffrey Arthur Dymoke Armitstead, at Lyonshall, Herefordshire. Funeral Service at 12 noon on Monday May 22nd at St Stephen's Church, Old Radnor. Requiem Mass at 11.30 am on Saturday 27th May at St Peter's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea. Letters welcome.

BIBBY - On May 17th, peacefully at home, Minton, aged 89, widow of Percy and much loved mother of Ruth, Christopher and Caroline. Funeral Service will take place at All Saints Church, Thornton Hough, on Tuesday May 23rd at 2 pm, followed by burial (family only). Flowers or donations to Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

BLACK - Alistair Kelles on Wednesday 17th May 1995, aged 67, much loved husband of Rita, father of Susan, Heather and Jean, grandfather of Jackson, died suddenly at Mayday Hospital, Croydon. Funeral Service at Purley United Reformed Church, Brighton Road, Purley, 11.30 am Wednesday 24th May. Cremation service for family and close friends at Croydon Crematorium 1 pm. No flowers. Donations may be sent to Cancer Research Campaign, 10 Cambridge Terrace, London NW1 4JL, mentioning the name of the deceased.

CROOK - On 10th May, peacefully in Royal Marsden, Sutton, (Dr.) Nigel Royden of West Wimbledon, aged 46 years. Funeral Service will take place at 1.30 pm Christ Church, Copse Hill, on 26th May, followed by interment at Merton and Sutton Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held at Kingston Baptist Church, Union Street, Kingston-upon-Thames, on Monday 26th June. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Fund, Royal Marsden, Sutton.

GRABNUM - On Tuesday May 16th 1995, peacefully in Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, after a short illness, Anna, widow of The Hon. Mr Justice Harold S. Granmum, much loved mother of Timothy and Catherine and grandmother of little Harold. Anna will also be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Funeral at the Central Methodist Church, Crook, Co. Durham, on Tuesday 23rd May at 2 pm. Flowers or donations to Kent Association for the Blind c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, tel: (01892) 522462.

HARRIS - On 18th May 1995, Robert Louis Anstruther Archer, Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, on Thursday 25th May at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip (West Chapel) at 2.15pm. Donations if desired to The Actors Charitable Trust, c/o Bradley & Jones, 7 Love Lane, Pinner, (0181) 866-0088.

HARRISON - Ivy Marguerite (née Murison), peacefully on 16th May at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey. Nursing Sister at Molesey Hospital, one-time in the Queen Alexandra Nursing Corps. Devoted and caring nurse and mother. Cremation at Kingston Crematorium, Friday 26th May at 2.30 pm. Donations to Molesey Hospital.

HATTON - Peacefully on May 16th after a short illness, Ragnhild Marie, Emeritus Professor of International History, University of London. Widow of Harry. Mourned by Peter, Rosemarie and Christopher (UK) and Paul, Ginny, Richard and Christopher (NZ). Cremation private. Memorial Service later.

HOCKING - On May 17th 1995 peacefully at Mount Edgcumbe Hospice after a brave struggle with cancer, Rona (née Derbyshire) aged 66. Loving mother of Alison, Richard and Diane and adored grandmother. Funeral Wednesday May 24th at 3 pm at the Kernow Chapel, Penmorest Crematorium, Truro. Donations only, to Mount Edgcumbe Hospice, Porthpean Road, St Austell, Cornwall.

KALMRE - Harri born Estonia 22nd February 1924, died Birmingham 12th May 1995, beloved husband of wife Mari and daughter Elli. He will be sadly missed and never forgotten. Service at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham on Thursday May 24th at 2 pm. No flowers please, but donations to charity of choice.

LANE-POOLE - On May 12th, Mary Jet (Topsy) Lane-Poole M.B.E. The funeral has taken place.

LEWERS - On May 16th 1995, Coral Helen, aged 91, at Hortonville Hospital, Newark, Notts. Wife of the late Dr. Hugh Lewers D.S.O., O.B.E., greatly loved mother of June and Ben, grandmother and great-grandmother. She left her body for medical research. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary Magdalene, Newark, on Thursday 8th June 2.30pm.

MacDONALD - Major Andrew James of Blarour. Peacefully after a short illness on 17th May. Funeral at Bray Bridge on Saturday 20th May at 11 am.

OLLERENSHAW - On May 16th 1995, gently at home after a long illness, Sylvia Clare (Chris) (née Isherwood), very dearly loved wife of David and mother of Nicholas and Christopher. Funeral Service Wednesday May 24th at St Christopher's Church, Lympsham, near Weston-super-Mare at 2 pm, followed by interment. Flowers may be sent, or donations if desired, to Bristol Oncology Centre Scanner Appeal c/o Cooksley & Son, 1 Waltscote Road, Weston-super-Mare, tel: (01934) 626666.

OLLIVER - On 16th May, Geraldine de Courcy (Dinah), aged 94, peacefully at Brendon Care, Park Road, Winchester, widow of Captain A.G. Olliver R.N., mother of Orme and Guy. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Twyford, on Wednesday 24th May at 3pm. No flowers, but if desired donations in lieu to Twyford Church Appeal.

RICHARDSON - On May 17th 1995, peacefully at home, Dr. Ewart John Richardson, aged 81 years, of Shrewsbury. Funeral Service at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Friday May 26th at 3.20 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if wished, to Ward 21 at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Enquiries tel: (01743) 344646.

RIGHTON - On May 16th 1995 peacefully after a short illness, Harold aged 65, of Noke, Oxfordshire, husband of Mary and father of Jean, Margaret and Austen and grandfather of Matthew, Olivia and Walter. Memorial Service to be held at St Nicholas Church, Islip, near Oxford, at 2.30 pm on Saturday 27th May 1995. No flowers, donations if desired to the Cancer Research Fund c/o A. Righton.

SEAGER - On 16th May 1995, peacefully in hospital after a brief illness, Carl Seager M.B.E., much loved husband of Joy, loving father of Alan and Hugh. Much loved and missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service on Thursday 25th May at St Mary's Church, Stuckland at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations would be appreciated for RNLI and may be directed to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking RH4 2EB.

WATMEY - John Basil, author, on 15th May 1995, aged 80 years, after a short illness. The best father there ever was. Funeral 2.30 pm Tuesday 23rd May Oxfordshire. Enquiries (01865) 65141.

WISEMAN - On May 17th 1995, peacefully at home, Frank Max Wiseman O.B.E. Much loved husband: father and grandfather. Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) Tuesday 23rd May 1995 at 3pm.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR RAYMOND LYTTLETON

Professor Raymond Lyttleton, FRS, theoretical astronomer, died on May 16 aged 84. He was born in Birmingham on May 7, 1911.



WITH the death of Raymond Arthur Lyttleton, theoretical astronomy has lost an outstandingly original, often very heterodox, thinker and a remarkable personality. His early work was in the solar system where he tackled problems ranging in magnitude from that of the origin of the Sun to questions of the relationship between the outer planets Neptune and Pluto.

But his contributions covered a wide area and extended over many decades. Indeed, his interest in problems of astronomy did not wane to the end of his days. All his active life was spent in academic pursuits, almost entirely in Cambridge, apart from the war years when, after a spell in the Ministry of Supply, he served as technical assistant to the Scientific Adviser to the Army Council.

Ray (as he was widely known) Lyttleton was born in Birmingham, the son of William John and Agnes (née Kelly) Lyttleton. He attended King Edward's School, Birmingham, and entered Clare College, Cambridge, in 1930 to read mathematics. He took the Tripos with distinction in 1933 and was awarded the Tyson Medal in astronomy, his first link with his life's subject.

After a period at Princeton as Procter Visiting Fellow, his Cambridge career began in earnest. He was a Fellow of St John's College in 1937, lecturer in mathematics from 1937, and Reader in Theoretical Astronomy from 1959. Finally he became the holder of a specially created professorship from 1969 until retirement. Nor did the world outside Cambridge remain ignorant of the exceptional quality of his work. In 1955 he became a Fellow of the Royal Society and in the same year the Royal Astronomical Society awarded him its gold medal. Ten years later he was made a royal medallist of the Royal Society.

His fame was not confined to this country. For many years he was a frequent, and most welcome, visitor at the American Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California and in the 1960s he also served as a visiting professor at Brandeis and Brown universities.

Lyttleton's exceptional career was based on his originality which often infuriated, but also inspired, his colleagues. He looked at many of the classical problems of astronomy and invariably saw a previously unsuspected feature in them. No doubt, every now and then, he got hold of the wrong end of the stick but when he did so he seldom made the mistake of clinging on to it.

His early contributions were in the thorny field of the origin of the solar system, where he dealt with a major perceived difficulty in the theory then held by suggesting that the Sun might have been one of a pair of double stars before a closely passing third star disrupted the system, leaving the debris behind from which the planets and minor constituents were formed.

On a smaller scale, he noticed that Pluto's orbit intersects that of Neptune and, linked with this curious feature, that Neptune's satellite, Triton, circles its parent planet in the opposite direction from that standard in the solar system. He showed that if both Pluto and Triton had been normal satellites of Neptune, a close encounter between them could have led to the present situation.

Next he and Sir Fred Hoyle studied the "accretion" of interstellar material by stars, the beginning of a highly active subject, where their outlook sharply contrasted with the previous rather static view of the stars. Perhaps Lyttleton's outstanding contribution was to the problem of the splitting of liquid bodies spinning rapidly. This classic subject of dynamical astronomy had been worked on by the giants of the past: Jacobi, Poincaré, Liapounow, Darwin and Jeans, without a clear result being achieved. It was Lyttleton's researches, enshrined in his magisterial book, *The Stability of Rotating Liquid Masses*, which brought this topic to its final conclusion in 1953.

Yet this is only a glimpse of his massive output, mainly published in the leading scientific journals, but also in a number of more popular books such as *Man's View of the Universe* (1961) or *The Earth and its Mountains* (1982). But the special flavour of Lyttleton's personality went beyond his scientific work, his role as a teacher or even his massive contribution as Geophysical Secretary of the Royal Astronomical Society for many years. He will also be remembered by his many friends equally for his biting wit.

It was vividly exemplified on one memorable occasion, which has gone down in the folklore of the Royal Astronomical Society. At a particularly stormy meeting of the Council of the RAS which was dealing with a muddle that had occurred in the refereeing of papers, Lyttleton irritatedly interjected that all that was needed to avoid such confusion was to ensure that one chose competent referees.

At this the RSA president exploded, stressing that in the cases under discussion they had had the most eminent astronomers as referees. Lyttleton silkily responded: "Sir, you must have misheard me. I did not say eminent, I said competent."

He is survived by his wife Meave Marguerite, the daughter of F. Hobden, formerly of Shanghai. There were no children of the marriage.

JOHN WATNEY

John Watney, novelist and biographer, died on May 15 aged 80. He was born on January 13, 1915.



IT WAS fitting that, across the wide range of subjects on which he wrote which included histories, biographies and novels, John Watney's best-known work was a personal recollection of the Normandy landings, *The Enemy Within* (1946). In another incarnation during the war, he had sat close to the heart of military decision-making as one of Winston Churchill's bodyguards.

Watney liked to relate how his efforts as a bodyguard were repeatedly frustrated by Churchill's distaste for personal safety measures. For instance, General Paget — C-in-C Home Forces — would order an armoured car so that Churchill could be driven round bombed London. Watney would duly call at the front door of Downing Street, only to find that Churchill had made a discreet exit through the back. "He said that until every citizen of London had an armoured car, he wouldn't use one."

John Basil Watney had a varied career before coming to writing — and, indeed, during his time as a writer — and he liked to say that job security was the death of the creative impulse. He was variously a postman, book-keeper, teacher and company secretary. His father, a young architect employed by Lutyens, died in Budapest in 1919 while serving with the Royal Navy. When his mother died in the 1920s Watney and his two brothers went to live with an aunt in Normandy, where he was educated.

On his return to England, and after brief spells as a prep school master in Norfolk, and in the Army, Watney could see that war was looming. He decided to take a long holiday in preparation for the challenge ahead, and lived as a beachcomber in Corsica. This, together with his time in Normandy, formed the basis for perhaps his best book, *Common Love* (1954), about the experiences of the English living in France. One critic thought it worthy of comparison with Simenon: "He describes the details of grape harvesting and the hard parsimonies of the French peasantry as confidently as he does the exotic luxuries of life with millionairesses." The book almost made it into the bestseller list, before suddenly having to be withdrawn from the bookshops, after a libel action brought by a man who considered that he had made in it a thinly-disguised, and none-too-complimentary, appearance.

With the outbreak of war, Watney rejoined his regiment, the Royal Sussex, and was posted to GHQ where in 1940 he was assigned to protect Churchill, an experience which he described in *He Also Served* (1971). Later in the war he took part in the Normandy landings. He was badly wounded at Ranville during Operation Goodwood — the British attempt to break out of the Normandy bridgehead — in July 1944 and spent the rest of the war giving lectures and writing books. His first were three forgettable thrillers published under a pseudonym by Christina Foyle, but in 1946 came his great success, *The Enemy Within*.

That same year he went up to Wadham College, Oxford, where he fell in with a group which included Dylan Thomas. As editor of *Isis* he gave Lindsay Anderson his first job as a theatre critic. In the 1950s and 1960s he reached the peak of his popularity as a novelist with *The Unexpected Angel* (1949), *Leopard with a Thin Skin* (1959), *The Quarrelling Room* (1960) and *The Glass Façade* (1963). Many of these were written while he was ostensibly employed by the ICI film unit as a temporary scriptwriter.

But the 1970s and 1980s proved an unsympathetic climate for his style of fiction and he began to specialise instead in biographies and other areas of non-fiction. There followed two drinking histories, *Beer is Best* (1974) and *Mother's Ruin* (1976), a harrowing history of the gin trade, and biographies — *Clive of India* (1974), *Travels in Arabia of Lady Hester Stanhope* (1975) and *The Churchills* (1977). His biography of *Mervyn Peake* (1976), was a solid, workmanlike piece, on which he was assisted by his close friend — and Peake's widow — Maeve.

He continued to write, but increasingly with his grandchildren in mind rather than the public, and completed his memoirs in 1993. His friends were mostly women, who appreciated his attentiveness and gentlemanly ways. His marriage ended in divorce, and he leaves at least one son.

MARIA LUISA BEMBERG

Maria Luisa Bemberg, Argentine film-maker, died in Buenos Aires on May 7 aged 73. She was born on April 14, 1922.





Maria Luisa Bemberg, left, and a scene from *We Don't Want to Talk About It*

IN THE months that followed the release of *Camila* (1984), Maria Luisa Bemberg's third film, half a dozen baby girls were christened Camila every day in Argentina — proof not only of her cinematic success but also of her ability to capture the imagination of her compatriots.

Maria Luisa was born into one of the country's most wealthy families. An ancestor, Otto Bemberg, had landed in Argentina from Germany in the 1850s and amassed a vast fortune there. The young Maria Luisa was reported to have had 23 different governesses, all Irish.

Although the family wealth suffered from confiscations under the Perón regime, the Bembergs still retained considerable interests in the brewery industry; and Maria Luisa herself controlled an investment fund with Kerry Packer, the Australian tycoon. "If I had not my own money I never would have made movies," she once said. She was probably right. Divorced and the mother of four children, she made her first feature film, *Momentos* (1980), at the age of 58. "I was already an old woman, with no training, no track record."

Maria Luisa made six films in all, the last being the audacious *We Don't Want to Talk About It* in 1993. It starred Marcello Mastroianni as an elderly gentleman who falls in love and marries the dwarf daughter of a wealthy provincial widow. At the Venice Film Festival, Maria Luisa described the dwarf as "a metaphor for all diversity, the emblem of every solitude".

Solitude, and the female condition, were consistent themes in Maria Luisa's films: and nowhere more so than in *I, The Worst Of All*, made in 1990.

Based in part on a biography by Octavio Paz, the film told the story of Sor Juana Inéz de la Cruz, a 17th-century Mexican nun who is now regarded as one of the finest poets of the Spanish *siglo de oro* — as well as being a thinker too daring for her times.

Of all her cinematic projects, this one perhaps posed the most complex technical challenge. "I had to find a way to animate the starkness of a nunnery in colonial Mexico," Maria Luisa recalled, and she spent months poring over paintings by De Chirico, Rembrandt, Vermeer and El Greco in search of effect and inspiration.

Women were always "transgressors" in her films, whether of sexual norms or social ones. All her works contained, also, a strong element of the autobiographical. Her most personal statement was *Miss Mary*, made in 1986, which many count as her best film. It was about an English governess — played by Julie Christie — attached to a powerful landowning Argentine family. María Luisa had hoped initially to call the film "Miss Maggie", but Julie Christie is believed to have counselled her against doing so because it would remind people of Margaret Thatcher.

In spite of her feminist convictions, Maria Luisa did not turn her back on the Roman Catholicism of her upbringing. Before she embarked on its filming, she showed the script of *Camila* — which was about the love affair in 1847 between a rich aristocrat and a Jesuit priest — to her confessor. Fortunately, he liked it, and was convinced that it would make a striking film. It did.

She leaves her four children.

IN THE obituary of James Hadley (May 18) his year of birth was wrongly given as 1933. It was, in fact, 1923 and he was thus 71, not 61, when he died.

RAYMOND CLIFFORD-TURNER

Raymond Clifford-Turner, solicitor, died on April 18 aged 89. He was born on February 7, 1906.



RAYMOND CLIFFORD-TURNER was for 50 years one of the leading solicitors in the City of London. He joined his father's firm — then known as Clifford Turner Hopton Lawrence — in 1930, becoming a partner a year later, and serving as the senior partner of Clifford Turner & Co, as it later became known, for no less than 40 years. He finally retired in 1981, though he continued to turn up at the office for a few hours on most days of the week.

Clifford-Turner was educated at Rugby School and Trinity College, Cambridge. He then was articled to Theodore Goddard, a close friend of his father and senior partner of the firm bearing his name. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1930. Until he joined the RAF in 1940, Clifford-Turner worked mainly on company law, on which he was the specialist in his father's firm.

After war service, in which he was latterly personal Staff Officer to Air Chief Marshal "Bomber" Harris, he returned to Clifford Turner & Co in 1945 to find the practice much run-down as a result of wartime conditions and the death of his father in 1941. As senior partner, Raymond sought to rebuild the practice on a broader base, though still with a commercial emphasis, and the firm's rise and expansion in the postwar years is evidence of his success in achieving this aim.

He was a creative thinker — one profitable example of this was his idea of splitting an investment trust into two parts, one receiving all the income and the other enjoying the capital growth, an idea copied by many investment trust managers.

He had great vision and was one of the first to appreciate that representation outside the UK would assist the growth of a law firm's international work. The takeover of a small firm of English lawyers in Paris in 1962 was followed by offices being opened in other cities in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East. When he retired from the firm, Clifford Turner had become one of the leading solicitors in the City of London, with an overseas network of branches.

Although by nature rather shy, he had a considerable ability to encourage others, particularly the young. As senior partner over such a long period he exercised a gentle but firm control, with a notably cool head. In 1987 Clifford Turner amalgamated with the old-established City firm of Coward, Chance to become one of the largest firms in the world.

Outside the law he had a wide range of interests and pleasures, not least horse racing, where he shrewdly picked the young Michael Stoute to train his many successes, including Group winners Blue Cashmere, Electric and Triple First. As a golfer he holed in one when nearly 70 and as a keen bridge player was a devotee of the Portland Club.

Despite his great professional success, which never over-impressed him, Clifford-Turner's main happiness and satisfaction in life lay in his adoring family and eclectic circle of friends. His first happy marriage to Zoe lasted more than 50 years and then after her death, while already in his eighties, he married for the second time a woman 35 years his junior.

He is survived by his second wife Diana and the three children from his first marriage.

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There it became an object of interest, respected and valued at its true worth. So coveted an object was it that people would pay me a small rent for the loan of it and for the added prestige it would give them. It looked most effective worn with a scholar's gown, pushed to its fullest domed height of about 18 inches. It was once worn by a man refereeing a soccer cuppers final and never looked more incongruous than in the company of khaki shorts. Several times it appeared in The Parks shielding the brow of a perspiring umpire. Triumphantly it waved from the masthead of the Camera for 24 hours and only by proving by alibi my innocence of the crime was I able to reclaim it from the proctors. It hung sadly throughout a whole day at half mast above the college tower when one of the college tortoises died of overeating. Men borrowed it to wear at funerals and weddings, moulded into a suitable shape, when they had no adequate headgear of their own. On several occasions older members of the gatherings complimented the wearer on the smartness of his apparel.

The hat's career ended in a happy way. After it had got soaking wet in a thunderstorm I hung it to dry outside the house at which we were staying. The following morning it had disappeared from the clothes line and we could not find it anywhere. On the way back to Belfast after our holiday we were going along on the scooter and saw in front of us the back of a gipsy caravan moving along the road in fits and starts. We overtook it and found its occupants tugging and pushing at the most recalcitrant mule ever sired. And on the head of the lazy animal as it resisted work in the summer heat was a tall black velvet hat. Two holes had been cut in it from which the animal's ears projected, but it was unmistakably *the* hat.

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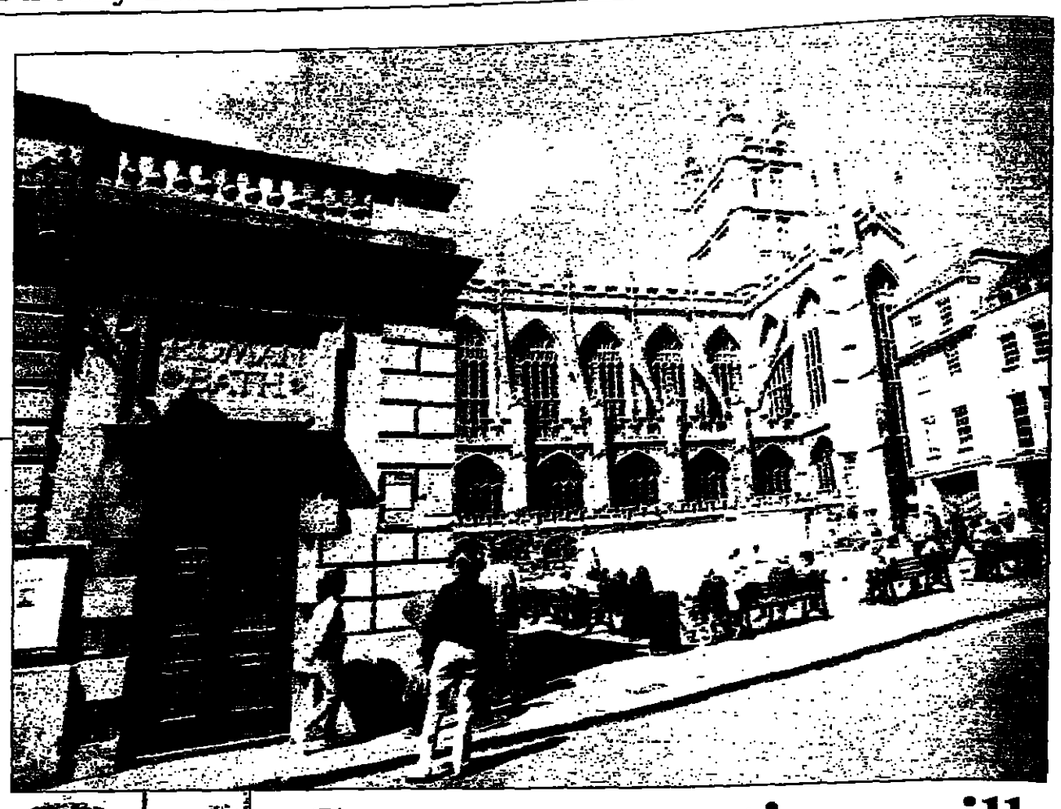
When restrictions on newsprint were removed in 1956 The Times, *under the editorship of Sir William Haley, gave regular space to outside contributors and to stories of great diversity.*

In a two-page report, **Craig Seton** looks at Bath's strategy to take the city into the 21st century as a thriving place to live and work

Master plan for the new millennium



Fine buildings in Great Pulteney Street and, right, Bath Abbey's courtyard, flanked by the Roman Bath Museum



Exciting challenges, fresh opportunities and some uncertainties confront the heritage city of Bath as it develops a strategy to assure its economic prosperity in the new millennium.

For all the outward appearance of general affluence in their city, the people of Bath have become accustomed to unpalatable evidence of its industrial and commercial decline. Empty shops, redundant industrial sites and an unemployment rate of about 8 per cent — compared with 3.3 per cent in 1991 — are testimony to the impact of the recession.

Bath is facing the dismal prospect of its biggest employer, the Ministry of Defence, relocating as many as 5,000 white-collar jobs from its city-based Procurement Executive and Naval Support Command establishments to north Bristol, hitting at the heart of the local economy.

The threat to Bath, traditionally reliant on the service sector, has galvanised the Liberal Democrat-controlled city council into drafting a comprehensive strategy for economic regeneration. The proposals suggest that Bath should strive to encourage small and medium-sized, knowledge-based enterprises to grow in specialist service-sector clusters that utilise the most modern communications and information technologies. However, the economic strategy eschews an uncontrolled rush for growth.

Bath was awarded a royal charter in 1189 and is the only complete city in the United Kingdom to hold the status of a Unesco World Heritage Site in recognition of the remains of its early Roman settlement — Aquae Sulis — and the superb, honey-coloured architecture of the Georgian period, which attract two million visitors a year. The council says it will protect the green belt and maintain controls on unsuitable industrial and office development.

Through the city council and other groups, Bath has also put forward a programme of five projects to celebrate the millennium that it is hoped will attract funds from the National Lottery distributing bodies. They include the revival of part of the city near its 18th-century core as a 21st-century quarter of contemporary architecture. This would incorporate a Millennium Centre catering for electronic-media and conference activities and other buildings for cultural industries and commercial enterprises.

A further plan aims to restore the city as an active spa, with health, leisure and therapy facilities being revived. Other projects envisage the creation of seven new or restored public squares, parks and gardens in a riverside "necklace", the introduction of new urban transport systems and electronic networks and a series of neighbourhood schemes designed by local communities.

David Pratley, the council's director of tourism, leisure and economic development, says: "This represents a chance to envisage the kind of city in which we want future generations to live and to make decisive and long-lasting improvements to the city's sustainability, economy and environment."

The council is being urged on by members of the city's business community, who believe that time is running out for Bath to activate policies for its economic revival. However, this period of change coincides with local government reorganisation. Avon County Council is being abolished and, from next April, Bath City Council will join with neighbouring Wansdyke District Council to form a new unitary authority, Bath and North East Somerset.

The new, larger authority will have much wider powers and extra responsibilities, and it will have to make crucial decisions about the important plans for Bath's economic revival. Michael Earp, the chairman of the campaigning Bath Development Group, says it is imperative that local government reorganisation in the area does not derail the proposals for the city's economic regeneration.

The development group was formed by business people last year to push for investment in the city and measures to help local businesses to expand. It says many of its ideas have been adopted by the city council. Mr Earp adds: "Bath has been complacent in the past; it has a good tourist and retail industry, but the loss of valuable white-collar jobs in the Ministry of Defence is likely to be unprecedented. A kick-start is needed now to get the economy moving."

Spas restoration will give tourism a boost

An £11 million project is under way to restore the spas of Bath. Its use as a centre for hot springs, health therapy and leisure dates back to Roman times and earlier, and the city was at its most fashionable for the taking of its waters in the Georgian era.

A private company, Spa Restorations (Bath), set up in 1993, is seeking more than £5 million from the Millennium Fund towards the cost of the restoration which, city council officials say, will do more to boost the city's already huge tourism industry than any other project.

The operation of the spa facilities was suspended in 1978 at the time of a health scare and no scheme has yet succeeded in bringing them back to life, although the thermal waters still bubble up from an underground aquifer at the rate of a quarter of a million gallons a day.

Four spa buildings are scheduled to be reopened, including the 18th-century Old Royal Bath and the Bean Street Bath. The development company is investigating ways to fund the remainder of the project's cost and hopes that by the end of 1997 the first of the revived facilities will be operating. Natural spa pools, Roman bathing and Turkish baths will be on offer.

Jonathan Ogden, Spa Restorations' product and marketing director, says many of the two million visitors who visit Bath annually seek out the spa facilities and are disappointed they no longer

> An £11 million scheme is in the pipeline to revive the fashion for taking the waters

operate. Studies suggest that the restored spa buildings would attract 400,000 visitors a year from home and abroad. "Reviving the spa would put the heart back into the city. The spa and thermal waters have always been central to its development and prosperity," he says.

There are almost 5,000 listed buildings in Bath and its architectural gems, including the Royal Crescent, Bath Abbey and the Circus, draw visitors from around the world. Its tourism industry is estimated to be worth up to £200 million annually to the local economy and supports the equivalent of more than 5,000 full-time jobs.

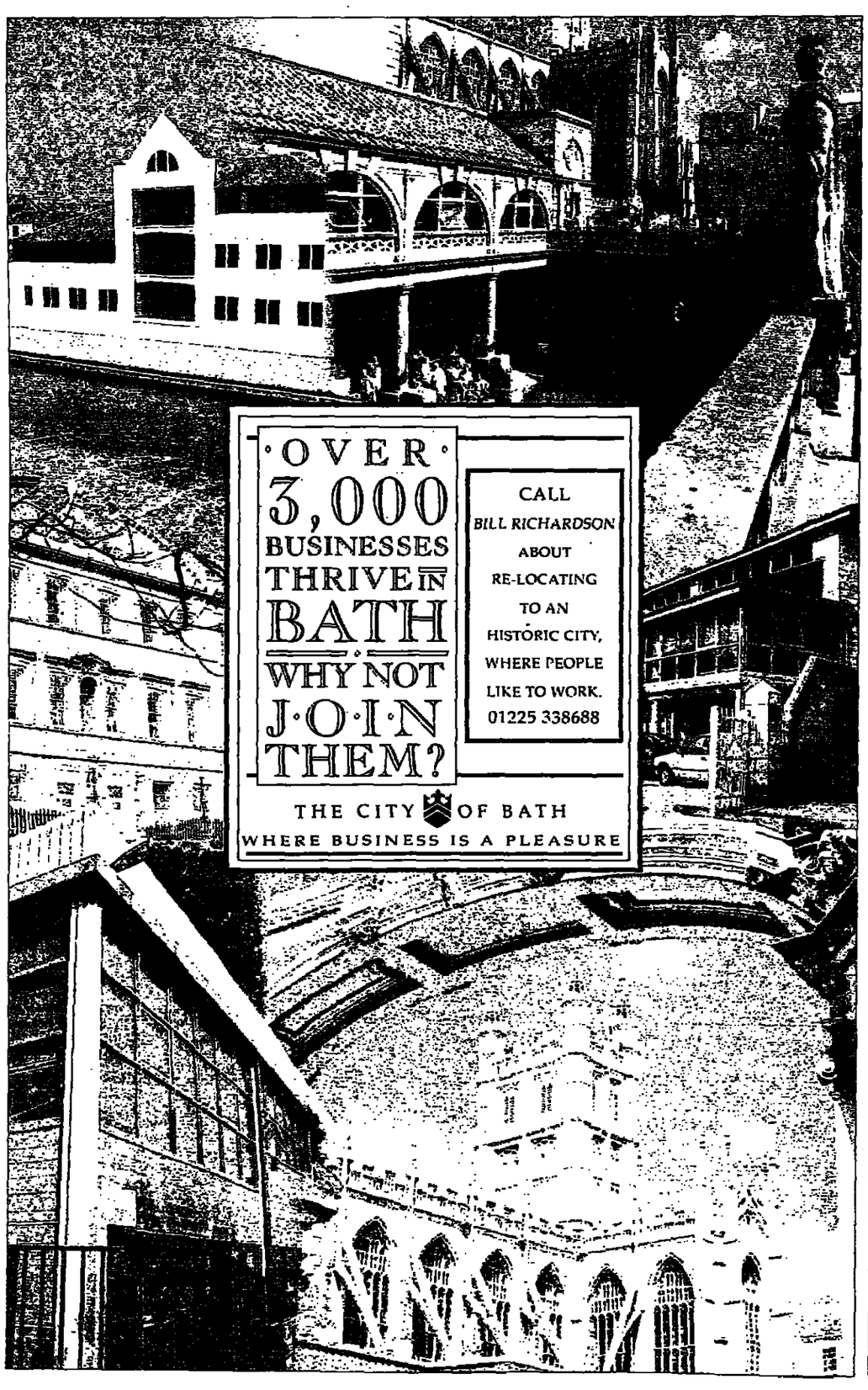
Paul Simons, the tourism bureau's executive director, says the industry is an integral part of the city's economic development strategy. He believes that Bath council is the first in Britain to co-opt representatives of the private sector tourist industry on to its tourism committee and to grant them voting rights. "It shows it is not a case of the council fighting the private sector. We want a consensus approach and a united strategy showing that tourism is important and has to be managed effectively," he says.

Mr Simons says Bath could cope with up to three million visitors annually without damaging the Roman and Georgian heritage that makes it one of Britain's foremost tourist attractions. However, he adds that the aim is to encourage more visitors to come during the non-peak months between October and May and to ensure they stay overnight in Bath. Market research shows that at present seven of every ten visitors are day visitors, including many tourists from overseas who "do" Bath on a day trip from their base in London.

The bureau wants the city to become more appealing to visitors as a base for trips to attractions in the South and South West, including Salisbury, Stonehenge, the Cotswolds, Longleat and Somerset.

There are also plans to increase Bath's appeal to arts enthusiasts. The Bath International Music Festival, which has been held for more than 40 years and starts today, is being co-ordinated by a festival trust, a body with charitable status, working with the city council. The festival, facing claims that its dedication to classical music was elitist, has recently undergone changes to include events with a wider appeal.

In July the city is hosting the European Youth Olympics, an event of ten sports involving 2,500 athletes aged between 12 and 18.





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Industry and education flow together

A commercial and cultural area is being planned alongside the River Avon

Urgent plans drawn up for Bath's economic development into the 21st century have created a strategy to attract investment and spur the growth of local businesses.

The draft plan, prepared by the Liberal Democrat-led Bath City Council in consultation with the business community, was approved by the authority in February. The proposals, aimed at repairing the damage of the recession and minimising the impact of Ministry of Defence job losses, include the setting up of technology-based enterprises which the council believes can flourish in the midst of the city's architectural and historical heritage.

Small to medium-sized enterprises in the service sector and areas of public administration are key targets, as are a growth in printing, publishing, architecture, conservation and crafts. Healthcare will become important with the planned reopening of traditional spa treatments.

However, uncertainties remain because of the abolition of Avon County Council and the merging of the Bath authority with the neighbouring, largely rural, Wansdyke District Council from next April. This month's local government elections for the "shadow" new authority left no party in overall control.

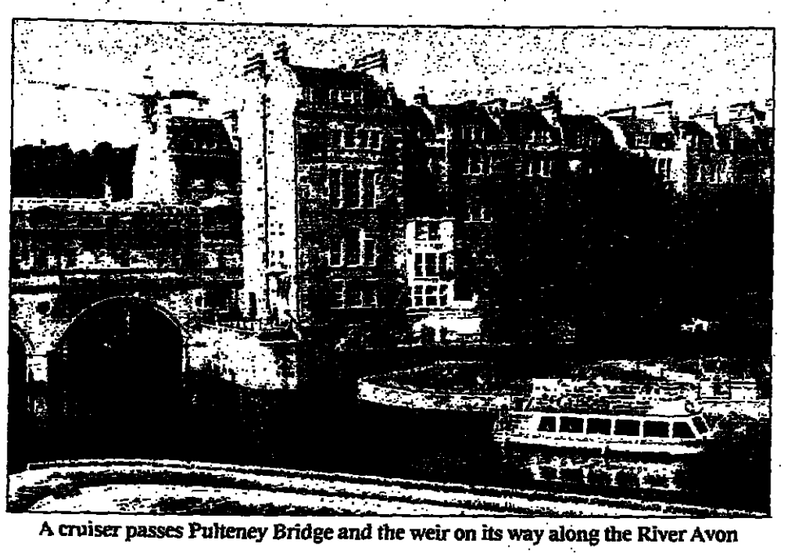
Bill Richardson, Bath council's business development executive, says that Bath council will seek the support of Wansdyke as the programme for the city will be a crucial part of the new authority's work. He believes an important element of this is a plan to create a new "21st-century quarter" for Bath alongside the River Avon, composed of industries, education and training facilities, a cultural quarter and some housing.

This landscaped development would incorporate contemporary architecture that would complement and not detract from the city's Georgian heritage. Mr Richardson said effective land use was essential to achieve economic revival. The city council owns a property portfolio worth an estimated £150 million, including 60 per cent of the city centre which has many listed buildings.

He said the council was investigating sites that could be used to create new businesses, but added: "We have to work in a World Heritage Site, [conferred on Bath by Unesco] and therefore we must find a way to marry the need for conservation, the concerns for our heritage and the economic needs of the city."

Another site, the Avon Street car park, is being earmarked as a possible site for a Millennium Centre. This idea was put forward by the Bath Development Group, set up by business people last year to campaign for economic revival. The group believes that a flagship centre housing companies specialising in electronic communications, video conferencing and information services, could be the first step in an imaginative development of the city's western riverside area. This would be backed by funding from the Millennium Commission.

Garry Denbury, a member of the group, says: "One of Bath's greatest assets is that it is built on a river, but this asset has never been utilised for the city's good. A well-designed mix of offices, housing, restaurants and shops would bring Bath's drab riverside area to life and could attract the business relocations the city's economy so badly needs."



A cruiser passes Pulteney Bridge and the weir on its way along the River Avon

How the city's university and business community help each other

The University of Bath, founded in 1966, is a small, modern institution, now being expanded on its site at Claverton Down. It has a strong record in teaching and research and aims to increase the number of its undergraduates by about 25 per cent to 5,000 by the end of the decade.

The university has become strong in a wide range of science and technology subjects, and has forged strong links with industry and commerce, and with the local community. It is committed to offering students a practical element in their education, notably through a programme of sandwich courses, which allows them to gain experience in industry before returning for their final year.

The university's prospectus says: "Having grown up in the age of technology, Bath has been well-placed to respond to the changing demands placed on education by commerce and industry. The university puts great emphasis on education for the real world — an emphasis reflected in the consistently high demand for its graduates."

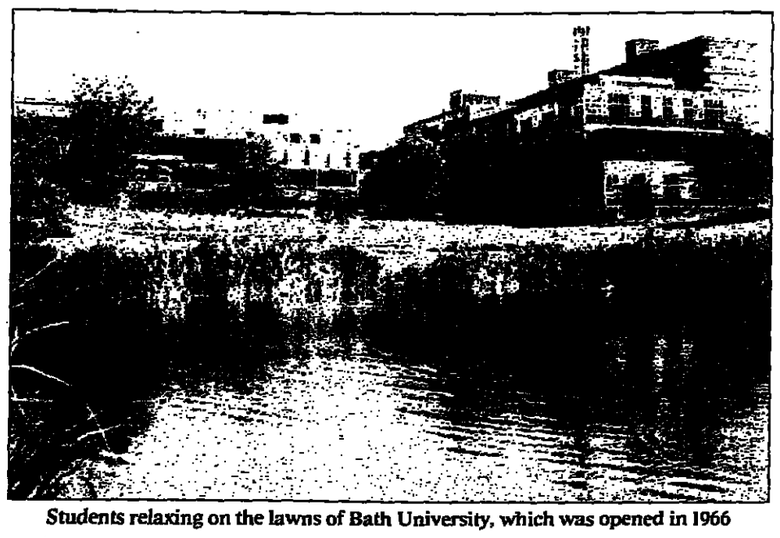
That academic record is now well established and the university was ranked among the top ten UK universities in *The Times* Good University Guide, 1993. In the same year, it was ranked fourth in another league table after 13 per cent of its students gained first-class degrees.

Three of its 15 departments — mechanical engineering, architecture and management — have been rated excellent in external assessments, and last year the sports development and recreation department was invited to set up a South West Institute of Sports Medicine.

Professor V. David Vandelinde, an American, has been Vice-Chancellor since 1992, when he left the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He says the institution has a tradition of being in tune with industry, especially through research, and he hopes it will increasingly build links with local businesses as the council develops its strategy to encourage investment from inside and outside the city.

He says that the university gains enormously from its presence in a city so rich in heritage as Bath, but points out that there is a considerable spin-off for the local community. An assessment by the university estimates that its financial contribution alone is worth almost £50 million a year to the local economy.

The university also employs about 2,000 people, including just under 400 academic staff, making it one of the biggest employers in the city.



Students relaxing on the lawns of Bath University, which was opened in 1966

Business park for beauty spot

Factories and offices can thrive alongside the city's heritage, say developers

A business park aimed at expanding local businesses and attracting companies looking for a prime relocation site in the South West has been given the go-ahead on the outskirts of Bath.

The business campus, a development by Bath-based Marples Developments, is the first modern, commercial project of its kind in the city, which has suffered a shortage of purpose-built accommodation for business use.

The campus is to be built on a £6 million seven-acre former hospital site in a designated area of natural beauty at Claverton Down on the outskirts of Bath.

Alasdair Thomson, managing director of Marples, says the project, which will cost about £9 million and create 100,000 sq ft of accommodation, is vital to stimulate business in the city. "When we were preparing the campus project, we realised that Bath had an almost invisible profile. It has wonderful tourism and retail facilities, but in business terms it has not made much of an impact," he says.

Mr Thomson says the city's tough planning regime was aimed at conservation and had seriously constrained office development, except in certain circumstances. He believes, however, that business can thrive alongside Bath's heritage. "There has to be a compromise; we have to accept that we do not destroy what we have, but we also have to move on."

His firm has joined forces with *The Bath Chronicle* newspaper and a wide range of business leaders to mount a Bath Means Business campaign. This is designed to counter the damage of the recession by raising the city's business profile to attract new firms and investment, and to ensure that more is done to help existing companies to grow.

The business campus is expected to get under way later this year. The project is scheduled to be a phased development of four high-quality buildings providing larger accommodation in the range of 17,000 to 30,000 sq ft and individual floors and offices from 3,000 to 12,000 sq ft. It will include an enclosed central courtyard, landscaped open areas and parking for 400 cars.

The campus has BI planning consent, which Mr Thomson says allows for new offices, research and development facilities and high-tech enterprises. "There will be no smoke stacks," he insists.

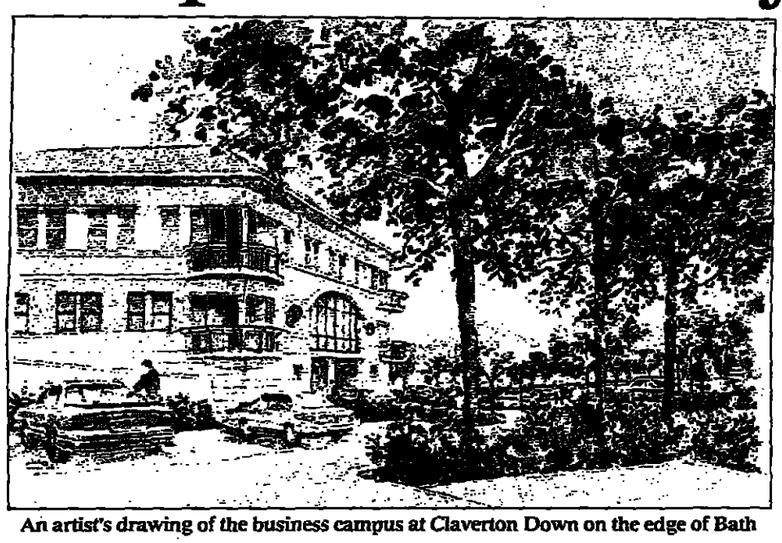
He believes a significant attraction of the business campus will be its proximity to the university, raising the possibility of companies harnessing the institution's research facilities, or "spin-off" enterprises from the university locating on the business site.

Bob Chapman, partner in the Bath office of King Sturge, commercial property agents, says the go-ahead for the campus is a welcome sign that the council is serious about encouraging economic development.

He says that at the height of the recession 110 of Bath's stock of 700 shops and retail outlets were empty. That figure is now down to 30 or 40, and some premium rental deals are being done. But more action is needed to support Bath's status as a regional retail centre and further to encourage business activity and office development. There are numerous buildings erected in the 1960s, he feels, that could be pulled down and replaced by new, purpose-built commercial premises with parking.

"Some of the policies of the council are very much geared to preservation and I think they can be softened or watered down to encourage business interests. If you wanted a 10,000 sq ft office building with on-site parking in the central area, you simply would not be able to find one," Mr Chapman says.

He adds: "Bath must have a broad economic base; it cannot simply be a tourist city. It needs a very sophisticated form of management that will give economic development a bigger priority."



An artist's drawing of the business campus at Claverton Down on the edge of Bath

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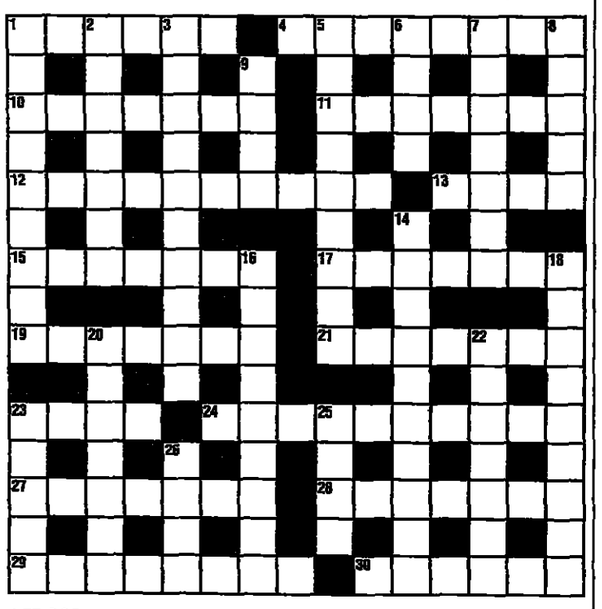
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15 Standing up to give tips about fashion (7)
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19 A girl must change outside this sports ground (7)
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2 Contribute to notes included in circular (7)
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7 Persian queen captured by a Scotsman (7)
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Hove, East Sussex, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, 1.25m; highest sunshine: Tiree, Hebrides, 12.2hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** showery but some sunshine.

England and Wales will have sunny intervals with showers. Some of the showers may be heavy but there should be lengthy dry spells.

Northern Ireland will have a few showers but they should be light and mixed with bright or sunny intervals.

Scotland will be rather cloudy with showers, some prolonged.

It will be a fairly cool day everywhere.

☐ **London, S E England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands:** sunny intervals and showers, some heavy with hail, but dying out during the afternoon. Wind west or southwest, moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **E England, Channel Isles, S W England, S Wales, N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, N E England:** sunny intervals and scattered showers. Wind mainly westerly, moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, Argyll, N W Scotland:** cloudy with showers, some prolonged, a few bright intervals. Wind variable or westerly, light to moderate. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** sunshine and showers, wintry over hills. Wind mainly northwest, moderate. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **N Ireland:** bright or sunny intervals, a few light showers. Wind moderate, west or southwest. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook for weekend:** a few showers at first but becoming dry and a little warmer.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Anglesey	2.1	0.57	10	50	r
Aspatria	1.8	0.21	8	46	h
Aviemore	2.1	0.14	9	48	h
Belfast	5.7	0.01	10	50	sh
Birmingham	-	0.61	7	45	r
Bognor R	-	0.04	12	54	c
Bournem'th	1.7	0.31	10	50	sh
Bristol	-	1.07	9	48	r
Buxton	-	0.72	5	41	sh
Cardiff	1.1	0.77	10	50	r
Clacton	-	0.48	11	52	r
Cleethorpes	-	0.69	6	43	r
Colwyn Bay	-	1.25	7	45	r
Cromer	0.1	0.72	9	48	r
Doncaster	-	0.61	7	45	r
Eastbourne	X				
Edinburgh	5.2	0.02	11	52	sh
Eskdalemuir	1.6	0.04	9	48	sh
Exmouth	3.8	0.14	11	52	b
Falmouth	X	0.03	12	54	c
Fishguard	-	0.93	8	46	r
Folkestone	2.4	0.51	15	59	r
Glasgow	5.4	0.01	12	54	sh
Guernsey	2.0	0.43	13	55	c
Hastings	1.6	0.47	14	57	sh
Hayling L	1.4	0.42	13	55	sh
Herne Bay	2.9	0.54	14	57	sh
Hove	2.0	0.27	15	59	c
Hunstanton	-	0.77	8	46	r
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	2.1	0.35	10	50	c
Jersey	2.0	0.06	12	54	c
Kinloss	9.4	-	11	52	b
Leeds	-	0.53	7	45	r
Lerwick	9.9	0.06	7	45	h
Leuchars	10.3	0.01	9	48	s
Littlehmptn	2.1	0.40	13	55	r
Liverpool	-	0.91	8	48	r
London	-	0.69	12	54	r
Lowestoft	-	0.29	12	54	r
Manchester	-	0.48	8	46	r
Margate	2.7	0.50	14	57	r
Mirehead	0.2	0.65	10	50	c
Morecambe	-	0.51	9	48	r
Newcastle	0.2	0.20	7	45	r
Newquay	-	0.05	9	48	c
Norwich	-	0.48	9	48	r
Nottingham	X				
Oxford	-	0.88	9	48	r
Penzance	6.3	0.08	13	55	b
Plymouth	0.3	0.18	11	52	r
Poole	1.4	0.32	11	52	c
Prestatyn	X	1.24	8	46	r
Ross-o-wye	0.1	1.14	8	46	r
Ryde	1.4	0.52	13	55	sh
Salcombe	2.2	0.10	11	52	sh
Sandown	1.7	0.47	12	54	sh
Saunton Snd	3.0	0.28	10	50	b
Scarboro'	-	0.19	6	43	sh
Scilly Isles	X				
Shanklin	1.5	0.49	12	54	c
Shrewsbury	X				
Skegness	-	0.60	9	48	r
Southend	X				
Southport	-	0.87	8	46	r
Southsea	1.2	0.47	13	55	r
Stornoway	10.3	0.03	10	50	sh
Swanage	2.7	0.27	12	54	sh
Teignmouth	1.4	0.16	12	54	b
Tenby	2.0	0.61	11	52	c
Tiree	12.2	-	9	48	c
Torquay	4.8	0.17	12	54	b
Tynemouth	X				
Ventnor	2.5	0.65	11	52	sh
Weymouth	1.4	0.28	10	50	c

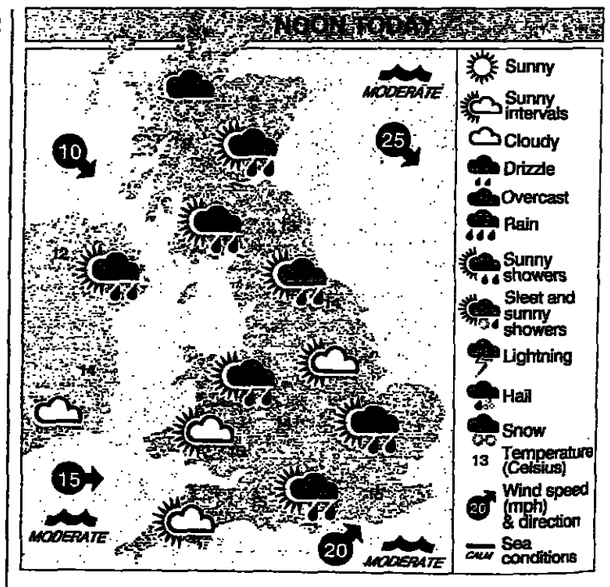
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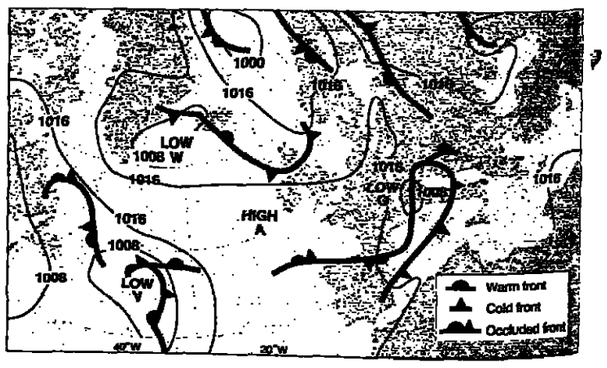
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Alicetrl	22	72	s	Corfu	21	70	s	Majorca	22	72	f	Rome	20	68	f
Alex'dria	22	72	s	Dublin	12	54	c	Malaga	33	91	s	Salzburg	19	66	t
Algiers	27	81	s	Dubrownik	18	64	f	Malta	28	82	s	S Frisco	15	59	c
Amst'dm	9	48	c	Faro	22	72	s	Malb'rne	12	54	c	Santiago	23	73	s
Athens	22	72	s	Florence	17	63	f	Mexico C	25	77	f	S Paulo	27	81	c
Bahrain	38	100	s	Frankfurt	9	48	r	Miami	33	91	s	Seoul	29	84	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Funchal	24	75	f	Milan	17	63	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Barbados	-	--		Geneva	13	55	r	Montreal	12	54	fg	St'kholm	9	48	r
Barcelona	18	64	r	Gibraltar	28	84	s	Moscow	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	13	55	r
Beirut	21	70	f	Helsinki	11	52	r	Munich	15	59	c	Sydney	18	64	c
Belgrade	19	66	f	Hong K	26	79	c	Nairobi	21	70	f	Tangier	23	73	s
Berlin	13	55	c	Innsbrck	18	64	f	Naples	21	70	f	Tel Aviv	24	75	f
Bermuda	21	70	s	Istanbul	18	64	s	N Delhi	36	97	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Biarritz	16	61	f	Jeddah	34	93	s	N York	17	63	r	Tokyo	23	73	s
Borde'x	16	61	c	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Nice	16	59	r	Toronto	16	64	r
Brussels	8	46	c	Karachi	-	--		Oslo	9	48	r	Tunis	27	81	s
Budapst	17	63	f	L Palmas	24	75	s	Paris	12	54	c	Valencia	32	90	f
B Aires	-	--		Le Tquet	9	48	f	Peking	26	79	c	Vanc'ver	13	55	c
Cairo	27	81	s	Lisbon	21	70	c	Perth	17	63	c	Venice	17	63	c
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Locarno	14	57	d	Prague	13	55	f	Vienna	16	61	s
Chicago	13	55	f	L Angels	-	--		Reykjavik	7	45	c	Warsaw	21	70	f
Ch'church	-	--		Luxembg	5	41	r	Rhodes	22	72	s	Wash'ton	23	73	r
Cologne	9	48	r	Luxor	33	91	s	Rio de J	23	73	f	Zurich	13	55	r

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: lows V and G will move northeast and slowly fill; high A will drift east and steadily build; low W will undergo little change



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.51	7.23	5.09	6.80	Leith	5:36	5.52	6:15	5.40
Aberdeen	4.20	4.10	5.04	3.98	Liverpool	2.01	9.51	2:30	9.12
Avonmouth	10.21	12.85	10:41	12.41	Lowestoft	0.23	2.42	0:26	2.46
Belfast	1.56	3.51	2:38	3.29	Margate	2:58	4.81	3:10	4.65
Cardiff	10:07	11.20	10:31	11.00	Milford Haven	9:23	6.67	9:48	6.72
Devonport	9:06	5.20	9.21	5.33	Newquay	8:08	6.46	8:32	6.43
Dover	1.51	6.54	2:17	6.50	Oban	8.35	3 41	9:08	3.58
Dublin	2:21	4.24	3:10	3.99	Penzance	7.46	4.99	8:13	5.12
Falmouth	8:12	4 78	8:39	4 69	Portland	3:52	1.86	10:14	1.91
Glasgow	3:46	4.62	4:06	4.53	Portsmouth	2:11	4.69	2:47	4.71
Harwich	2:41	4.06	2:58	3.84	Shoreham	2:00	6 15	2:33	6.11
Holyhead	1.03	5.67	1:41	5.26	Southampton	1:31	4.49	2:07	4.45
Hull	9.10	7.36	9:49	7.03	Swansea	9:26	9.21	9:50	9.19
Ilfracombe	9:03	8.93	9:28	8 69	Tees	6:43	5.32	7:27	5.17
King's Lynn	9:07	6.93	9:36	6 40	Wilton-on-Nze	2 44	4.35	3:02	4.06

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.04 am
Sun sets: 8.51 pm
Moon sets 10.03 am
Moon rises 12.28 am

London 8.51 pm to 5.03 am
Bristol 9.01 pm to 5.12 am
Edinburgh 9.26 pm to 4.52 am
Manchester 9.09 pm to 5.02 am
Penzance 9.07 pm to 5.30 am

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook FRIDAY MAY 19 1995 RK

London Life quits pensions as sales fall

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

LONDON LIFE is to pull out of selling life insurance and pensions, becoming the first casualty of the sharp downturn in sales of those products.

The £2 billion company, which is owned by AMP, the Australian life insurance group, has suffered such a fall in business volumes that the cost of marketing products now outweighs any profits the company could make.

In common with many other life insurance companies, London Life has seen sales tumble because public confidence in the industry has been severely damaged by the regulatory report on the mis-selling of personal pensions.

The company said that the decision to withdraw from the market was in the best interests of its 94,000 policyholders. London Life will now operate as a closed fund within the AMP group of companies, which include Pearl Assurance.

The Personal Investment Authority, the insurance regulator, last month announced plans to compensate hundreds of thousands of people who had been wrongly encouraged to buy personal pensions.

Jim Divers, London Life chief operating officer and one of 450 of a staff of 600 who will lose their jobs in the shift away from pensions and life insurance, denied that the company was involved with mis-selling personal pensions, but acknowledged: "The problems with pensions has had an effect on consumers."

London Life's new business volumes fell 12 per cent to £132 million last year, while new business has declined 25 per cent in the first quarter. Nearly half of the company's new business is pension-related.

Mr Divers said: "The cost of acquiring the business was greater than the benefits that could be gained. In the end, this would begin to have an impact on existing policyholders."

Figures released this week by the Association of British Insurers showed that the sales of pensions and life insurance across the industry have declined dramatically in the first quarter.

New yearly premiums for life insurance and pensions business totalled £522 million in the first quarter of this year, a 21 per cent fall on last year.

London Life had considered a number of options, after a review by Bacon & Woodrow, consulting actuaries, found that sales were unlikely to recover to the level needed to support the sales and marketing infrastructure.

Mr Divers said that management had not opted for selling the company because it was not thought to be in the best interests of policyholders. On the job losses, the company hoped that most of the redundancies would be on a voluntary basis.

Yesterday's announcement marks the final chapter in the troubled history of London Life. Before the 1987 stock market crash, the company thrived by selling products to high net worth individuals. It did not pay commission on its policies.

However, after the crash the company suffered from falling free assets, and it was forced to look for a financially strong parent to take it over.

The closure of London Life could be the start of a wave of rationalisation in the life insurance market, as companies suffer from flagging sales and the introduction of disclosure rules at the beginning of the year.

The new rules mean that companies have to tell customers for the first time how much of their premiums are being eaten up by charges.

Mike Wadsworth, of Watsons, the actuaries, said: "If a company continues to trade but attracts little business, the costs of maintaining this infrastructure eats into the returns available for existing customers.

"We have not seen the last of the contraction in the industry, especially as the bancassurance arms of the building societies are not yet up to full strength."

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Trafalgar sinks £48m into the red

BY CARL MORTISHED

TRAFALGAR HOUSE is sending a management task force to investigate every aspect of its business after incurring losses of £48 million for the half year.

Trafalgar's failed bid for Northern Electric cost the company more than £17 million in fees, offset by a gain of £5.3 million from the controversial contracts for differences with Swiss Bank Corporation. Exceptional write-offs of £28 million included the refit of the *QE2* liner, which cost £7.5 million in compensation.

Poor results from Trafalgar's core engineering, construction and shipping businesses delivered an operating loss of £14.9 million. Nigel Rich, Trafalgar's chief executive blamed the company's problems on a history of poor management controls and gave warning of further restructuring charges, which would involve asset sales. "It will be at least two or three years before the company is generating satisfactory returns to shareholders," he predicted.

Cunard, the luxury cruise line, incurred losses of £6.9 million due to low occupancy on the ships and John Olsen, Cunard's chief executive has resigned. Cunard's assets are in the books at £400 million.

The operating losses were compounded by a £113 million increase in working capital, which left Trafalgar with a net cash outflow of £116 million. There is again no dividend.

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RUSSELL BOYCE



Police monitor demonstrators at Shell's AGM in London yesterday. Pennington, page 25.

Arrests and Shell fire at the AGM

SIX people were arrested at Shell's annual meeting yesterday as police tried to prevent protesters gaining access to the oil company's meeting in London's Queen ELizabeth II conference centre (Carl Mortished writes). Shell Out, a protest group, alleges environmental damage by Shell in Nigeria and that the company is colluding in human rights abuses by the Nigerian Government. Inside the centre, John Jennings, chairman of Shell, denied the allegations. He said Shell was spending $100 million on improvements and an independent environmental assessment in Nigeria.

Figures spoil case for rate rise

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FALLING high street sales for the second successive month, coupled with a further recovery in the value of sterling, has weakened the argument for a base rate rise next month.

Retail sales volumes fell 0.2 per cent in April, a much weaker result than the increase of 0.4 per cent that the City had expected. In addition, the fall in March, originally reported by the Central Statistical Office as 0.1 per cent, was revised to a fall of 0.3 per cent.

Economists who argued that March's weak figure suggested problems with seasonally adjusting for Easter conceded yesterday that sales growth is definitely on a downward trend in spite of contrary evidence from a buoyant survey from the Confederation of British Industry.

Volumes were up only 0.8 per cent against April last year, while March saw a year-on-year rise of 1.6 per cent.

The pound shrugged off the news, gaining particularly against the mark. Sterling's effective index closed at 85.1, after the 84.5 close of Wesdnesday, undermining the Bank of England's wish for a rate rise at the June 7 monetary meeting.

Economists at NatWest Markets said: "The Prime Minister should expect to hear the Chancellor singing in his bath." Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, refused to raise rates at the May monetary meeting, apparently against the advice of the Bank.

The money markets rallied, and a half-point rise in rates is no longer priced in. Short sterling futures pointed to a base rate level of 6.87 per cent, just above the current 6.75 per cent, suggesting that the markets no longer believe that rates will rise next month. They have priced in one half-point rise by September.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3285.9	(-11.6)
Yield	4.16%	
FT-SE A All share	1617.00	(-3.79)
Nikkei	16312.56	(-158.79)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4392.17	(-30.43)*
S&P Composite	524.66	(-2.41)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6%*	(5¹⁵⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	109²⁄₃₂*	(109¹¹⁄₃₂)
Yield	6.89%*	(6.87%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6¹⁵⁄₁₆%	(6²³⁄₃₂%)
Lilte long gilt future (Jun)	106²⁄₃₂	(105²⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5645*	(1.5700)
London:		
$	1.5630	(1.5685)
DM	2.2751	(2.2535)
FFr	8.0790	(8.0090)
SFr	1.9000	(1.8824)
Yen	138.57	(138.04)
£ Index	85.1	(84.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4597*	(1.4450)
FFr	5.1735*	(5.1150)
SFr	1.2190*	(1.2055)
Yen	87.80*	(86.75)
$ Index	90.5	(89.7)

Tokyo close Yen 87.20

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug)	$18.05	(n/a)

GOLD

London close	$382.95	($383.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Attack

British Gas, poised for a battle with shareholders over high pay, yesterday reported 2,400 voluntary redundancies for the first quarter and said that a further 8,000 were expected this year. During the first quarter, warmer weather and the continuing loss of market share because of deregulation ate into profits.
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Defence

Vosper Thornycroft, one of the last remaining warship builders, is ready to defend its independence if the loser of the battle for VSEL becomes hostile. **Page 28**

S&N reaches brewery deal with Courage

BY MARTIN WALLER

SCOTTISH & Newcastle has finally tied up an agreement to buy the brewing operations of Courage, a deal under negotiation for a year, creating the biggest brewer in Britain and outstripping Bass, the present market leader.

The announcement of the deal, at a price of £425 million as well as a raft of other payments over a period to Foster's, the Australian owner of Courage, left the brewing industry fearing hundreds of job losses.

S&N said it would be looking for £40 million of cost savings a year from the merged business. Brian Stewart, chief executive, would not rule out brewery closures, although he emphasised that most of the savings would be obtained from cutting distribution, which accounted for 75 per cent of both businesses' costs.

The Transport & General Workers Union cautiously welcomed the move. But Brian Revell, national secretary for food and drink, added: "Clearly, there is a danger of loss of jobs through rationalisation."

The announcement of the merger, delayed until this week's ruling on the prices charged by brewers to their landlords, is certain to prompt a row in the industry over whether the deal, like virtually every big industry combination over the past decade, should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by the Office of Fair Trading.

Mr Stewart said the merger was not inherently monopolistic in that it would offer consumers more choice by allowing each company's brands to be marketed more widely, and should, therefore, be spared a time-consuming MMC reference. But the OFT is likely to be heavily pressed by rival brewers to refer the deal, which creates a business with a quarter of the British beer market. "It's the biggest merger ever, and over the last five years every merger has been referred to the MMC," one industry leader said.

S&N is funding the purchase with a two-stage, one-for-seven rights issue at 475p to raise £354 million, two-fifths payable up front and the balance if the deal is done. The shares edged back 7p to 539p in response.

The group has also put an estimate on pre-tax profits for the financial year just closed, to end-April, of at least £262 million, a rise from £221.8 million. S&N expects a final dividend of 12.05p that raises the total from 17.04p to 18.23p. The sale of Courage has cleared the way for Foster's Brewing Group to get on with expanding its operations elsewhere in the world. Ted Kunkel, chief executive, indicated yesterday that a major acquisition could be on the cards in a matter of months.

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Telegraph shares slump

SHARES in The Telegraph, the newspaper publisher, plunged 59p to 380p in response to the surprise withdrawal of a plan by Conrad Black, the Canadian majority owner of the business, to buy back the shares he does not own (Martin Waller writes).

Mr Black's decision, after independent directors of The Telegraph rejected an offer from his American Publishing Company of Chicago, came late on Wednesday night after both British and Canadian markets were closed.

He is thought to have offered in the region of 450p a share. A study commissioned by the directors priced the business about £1 a share higher than he was prepared to pay.

Under City rules, Mr Black can return if he again decides to buy the 41.5 per cent of The Telegraph he does not own, as no formal offer was made. But sources within Mr Black's camp were making it clear last night that no such course of action was planned.

Calls to redundancy take toll on BT



Vallance: bonus fell

BY ERIC REGULY

BRITISH TELECOM reported a dip in earnings yesterday as redundancy charges mounted and hinted that shareholders no longer should assume that strong dividend growth is secure.

Sir Iain Vallance, the chairman, also disclosed that his bonus for the year to March 30 declined by 38 per cent, from £185,000 to £115,000. His salary, however, will rise by 3.2 per cent to £480,000, in July. This gives a total remuneration this year of £599,000, compared with £663,000 last year.

BT reported a pre-tax profit of £2.66 billion, down 3.4 per cent from the previous year. Earnings per share declined from 28.5p to 27.5p, while turnover increased 1.6 per cent to £13.89 billion, largely because of explosive growth in the company's mobile-communications businesses, dominated by 60 per cent-owned Cellnet. The results were in line with City forecasts.

Continued price cuts, imposed by Oftel, the industry regulator, and a redundancy charge of £820 million, compared with £517 million, in the previous year, are the main factors behind the slump in profits. BT shed 18,500 employees in the year, taking total employment down to 137,500.

The company will pay a final dividend of 10.65p on September 18. That makes a total dividend of 17.7p, a 6 per cent rise over the previous year. Sir Iain said: "Future dividends will continue to be influenced by the effects of competition and regulation in the UK together with investment needs and opportunities in the UK and overseas."

BT now considers the cable-telephony companies, which are taking about 50,000 customers away from it each month, not Mercury Communications, its greatest competitive threat. On the regulatory front, BT expects to fight a losing war on issues such as number portability and interconnection rates.

Sir Iain said there would be no comment on why his bonus fell so much farther than BT's earnings until the board committee on executive remuneration releases its review on June 8.

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Iceland to create 5,000 jobs

BY OUR CITY STAFF

ICELAND GROUP, the supermarket chain, plans to create 5,000 jobs by the end of the century.

A total of 1,000 full-time and part-time jobs are being created in the current year by the opening of at least 55 stores, 20 of which have already been opened. The retailer opened 55 stores last year and expects to continue at a similar rate until it has 1,500 stores, compared with the current 723.

Malcolm Walker, chairman, said potential sites had been identified and that the company's expansion plan was not restricted by planning obstacles, given the mainly high street location of their planned sites.

Mr Walker told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday that the company's dividend will be increased 25 per cent in the current year to 5.25p a share, followed by similar increases in the successive couple of years.

Abbey set to target N&P rival if bid fails

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ABBEY NATIONAL would seek talks with another building society if its £1.1 billion attempt to take over National & Provincial Building Society fails next month.

Abbey submits its proposals to N&P today. Lord Tugendhat, Abbey's chairman, is sending Wendy Syer, his assistant, by train to the N&P's head office in Bradford, to deliver the documents, addressed to Lord Shuttleworth, N&P chairman.

Analysts have estimated that Abbey will seek a deal that values N&P at more than £1.1 billion, or £650 per eligible member. Abbey has refused to comment on the value of its bid other than to say that it would be prepared to pay "a significant premium" to net asset value. John Fry, Abbey's deputy chairman, said: "If ultimately we are not successful in acquiring N&P it is not the be-all and end-all of our strategy. We can continue with it quite happily."

When asked what Abbey would do if the N&P talks failed, Mr Fry said: "We have always said that the right building society at the right price would be of interest but have no other firm plans."

Abbey's aim is to raise the share of its pre-tax profits from non-traditional sources to 40 per cent by 1997. The bank argues that it can do so even if it achieves its aim of taking over N&P, as the society would provide 3 million customers to whom Abbey could sell its products.

Abbey's public statement of its intentions towards N&P appears to have given greater speed to the potential restructuring of the industry. Ian Harley, finance director, said that the industry is consolidating. He said that 14 mortgage lenders do 85 per cent of the new mortgage business in the UK.

As at least six building societies are now talking to each other, he expects the leading mortgage lenders to be in single figures in the next few years.

Analysts said yesterday that the Nationwide, the second biggest building society, and societies based in the North of England would be the most likely targets for talks with Abbey if the N&P bid failed.

N&P interpreted Abbey's attempt to hold takeover talks as hostile after movements in the Abbey share price prompted the bank to issue a Stock Exchange announcement about its intentions.

The building society has rejected Abbey's advances three times since 1986. However, Alastair Lyons, chief executive of N&P, agreed to reconsider Abbey's proposals after a meeting with Peter Birch, its chairman, at the beginning of the month. N&P sent out an information pack and asked Abbey to respond with formal proposals within three weeks.

N&P is expected to see what Abbey is offering before continuing discussions with other building societies about a possible merger and conversion to bank status. It has made approaches to Alliance & Leicester, to the Nationwide and to the Woolwich building societies.

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Belgium Fr	49.69	45.39
Canada $	2.293	2.073
Cyprus Cypf	0.755	0.701
Denmark Kr	9.48	8.68
Finland Mkk	7.49	6.84
France Fr	8.47	7.82
Germany Dm	2.42	2.21
Greece Dr	380.00	355.00
Hong Kong $	12.77	11.77
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.2538	4.5038
Italy Lira	2695.00	2540.00
Japan Yen	151.00	135.00
Malta	0.602	0.547
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John Hoerner says that in spite of the turnround, there was still "a long way to go"

Profits soar at Burton

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SHARES in Burton Group moved strongly ahead yesterday as the clothing retailer revealed that each of its multiple chains had made a profit in the first half of the year — the first time for at least five years.

John Hoerner, chief executive, tried to play down the strong turnround in the fortunes of the multiple chains, which include Burtons, Dorothy Perkins and Top Shop/-Top Man. "We don't think we have got it cracked yet. We have got a long way to go still."

Pre-tax profits rose from £42.4 million to £67.4 million in the 26 weeks to May 18. The multiples made a profit of £15.8 million, compared with a loss of £1.8 million last time. Debenhams, the department store chain, contributed profits of £51.6 million, up from £44.2 million.

The increase in profits was achieved in spite of flat sales of £1 billion and reflected a sharp drop in markdowns, helping to lift margins. The gross margin rose 3.6 per cent.

The news prompted analysts to lift their full-year forecasts. In spite of the improved performance of the multiples, the City expects Burtons and Principles to make a loss in the full year.

The dividend was held at 1p a share and earnings per share rose from 1.9p to 3.6p. The shares rose 5½p to 85p.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Japan's trade gap with US rises again

JAPAN, target of punitive US sanctions against its car exports, increased its politically sensitive trade surplus with America in April for the sixth month in a row. The surplus climbed 3.2 per cent to $4.52 billion compared with the same month last year: reflecting a 15 per cent increase in exports to $11.1 billion, while imports, sucked in by the strong yen, gained 26 per cent to $6.6 billion.

At the same time, US figures showed a 30 per cent surge in the US trade deficit with Japan in March to $6.14 billion from $4.7 billion in February. The bilateral deficit with Japan accounted for two-thirds of the overall US trade deficit of $9.12 billion. The second largest bilateral deficit was with China, another country with which the US is in a trade dispute. Japan's overall surplus narrowed to $10.9 billion in April from $11.1 billion in the same month last year, in spite of the dramatic fall in the dollar against the yen. Imports were up 33 per cent, while exports grew 22 per cent.

Deputy to fill in at OFT

JEFFREY PRESTON becomes acting director-general of Fair Trading from tomorrow after the departure of Sir Bryan Carsberg, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday. Mr Preston joined the OFT as deputy director-general in 1990. Sir Bryan, appointed Director-General in 1992, is leaving to become secretary general to the International Accounting Standards Committee. A permanent successor to Sir Bryan will be announced later. While in office Mr Preston will have the full powers of the Director-General.

One Up store chain sold

PHILIP GREEN, a controversial retailing star in the 1980s, has made his second purchase in six months by combining forces with Associated British Foods to acquire One Up, the low-priced clothing and homewares chain. Precis, a joint venture between Owen Owen, the department store group, and ABF, has acquired the 16-strong chain from Storehouse, the Mothercare to BhS group, for up to £20 million. The 500 staff will join Precis. Owen Owen was acquired by Mr Green last December for an undisclosed sum.

RTZ in new ventures

RTZ, the world's largest mining group, is to develop two new mines. A $233 million high grade nickel deposit in the Minas Gerais state in Brazil, and a silver, gold, zinc and lead mine on Admiralty Island, Alaska, are planned. The nickel deposit has an estimated life of 20 years, with ore reserves totalling 10.3 million tonnes. Commissioning of the open pit will be in 1998, followed by underground development. In Alaska, RTZ and Hecla Mining will redevelop the Greens Creek deposit.

Avesta profits advance

AVESTA SHEFFIELD, the Swedish stainless steelmaker 49 per cent owned by British Steel, saw its pre-tax profits soar to Kr1.158 billion (£100 million) in the first quarter from Kr111 million last time. The profits reflected a big jump in sales to Kr5.9 billion from Kr4 billion. The Stockholm company, with substantial production interests in Britain, is benefiting from the highly competitive Swedish currency and sees good prospects for the whole of this year.

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Preliminary Results 1994/95

Results for fourth quarter and full year to 31 March, 1995

	Fourth quarter 1995 £m	1994 £m	Change %	Full year 1995 £m	1994 £m	Change %
Turnover	3,576	3,485	2.6	13,893	13,675	1.6
Redundancy charges	452	225		820	517	
Operating profit	352	653	(46.1)	2,693	3,015	(10.7)
Profit (loss) on sale of group companies	208	(12)		241	(14)	
Profit before taxation	509	558	(8.8)	2,662	2,756	(3.4)
Profit after taxation	352	365	(3.6)	1,736	1,805	(3.8)
Earnings per share	5.7p	5.6p	1.0	27.8p	28.5p	(2.4)
Dividends, net				17.7p	16.7p	6.0

The accounts from which these non-statutory results are extracted have not yet been filed with the Registrar of Companies or reported on by the auditors.

Chairman's statement

"The group has performed creditably in a year in which price reductions of over £800 million were made.

Inland call turnover reduced by 4.9 per cent because of the price cuts but volumes were healthy and increased by 7 per cent.

Once again, the costs of voluntary redundancies feature strongly in our results. We have recently announced the last in a round of company-wide schemes. When completed next year, this may be followed by smaller localised programmes to meet particular needs.

BT's trading prospects are sound but susceptible to a hostile and unpredictable regulatory environment at home and the uncertain shape of regulation abroad. The group is devoting significant efforts to developing its overseas activities.

Earnings per share were 27.8 pence.

The recommended final dividend of 10.65 pence per share brings the total dividend for the year to 17.7 pence, an increase of 6.0 per cent. Future dividends will continue to be influenced by the effects of competition and regulation in the UK together with investment needs and opportunities in the UK and overseas."

Sir Iain Vallance
18 May, 1995

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No promise of eternal life

☐ THE idea that life assurance companies can be driven out of business purely by the pressures of competition is still shocking to the average consumer. Financial disaster is, oddly, easier to grasp than a 180-year-old company staging an orderly withdrawal from the market. If people do not buy policies, however, then fewer companies will be needed to sell them.

Across the industry, new premiums are down a fifth this year. That seems a paradox when people's insecurity about their future is boosting savings, when worried families are being urged on all sides to make their own provision for infirmity and old age because they cannot rely on the state, and when fewer careers are likely to be covered by traditional employer-run pension schemes.

The causes of the steep decline are well-known. High costs of personal pensions and the mis-selling scandal have put people off. Stagnation in the housing market and tales of lower returns are savaging the endowment mortgage market. And the industry complains, with some justice, that tax relief has been withdrawn from its non-pensions life business while newer reliefs favour rival equity and deposit plans.

Falling new business is however, only one element in a four-way squeeze on traditional medium-sized companies. They face much higher administrative costs of compliance and disclosure of charges in the wake of the pensions debacle. That in turn focuses potential customers' attention on the costs of the less efficient. Many banks and building societies, once prime outlets, now offer simple policies through their own competing life companies. Even Marks & Spencer is to sell policies.

Given all these pressures, it is surprising that so few companies have yet shut up shop and put their existing policies on a care and maintenance basis. There has actually been a net rise in employment in the industry recently despite the fall in trade.

Swiss Life and Lincoln Life have vacuumed up a few, Confederation Life has gone, but the company set up by Sir Mark Weinberg to nurse such companies for the benefit of policyholders has not yet done a roaring trade. Significantly, historic London Life lost its independence some time ago, after its investment returns were hit by the 1987 market crash. It is merely the smaller UK subsidiary of an Australian mutual. It would be a far more fundamental step for, say, a fully independent medium-sized mutual to throw in the towel to save policyholders having to meet excessive sales costs.

Unless the Chancellor helps, or costs can be cut to unit trust levels, many more of the weaker groups with nothing special to offer may not be able to remain active indefinitely. For that reason, regulators should be tightening up in advance to ensure that, as in this case, policyholders are looked after and cannot be ripped off.

Stout party brews bitter battle

☐ SCOTTISH & Newcastle is going into court convinced of its own innocence but not entirely sure the judge will see things that way. The betting must be that its link with Courage will avoid a Monopolies and Mergers Commission reference, but this is a long way from a sure thing.

One key argument distinguishes this proposition from



virtually every other takeover in the sector, including the 1988 offer by Elders — Courage in another incarnation — for S&N itself. The market has changed to such an extent that earlier case law, and the 25 per cent market share the merged combine will have, should be disregarded. The lack of geographical overlap should also help.

While the other big brewers might be expected to oppose the link, its acceptance may help their own expansion plans. Bass, just behind Courage/-S&N, will feel prompted to grow, while Whitbread, the bridesmaid at the Courage wedding, may look hard at Carlsberg-Tetley. If all these moves went ahead, 80 per cent of British brewing would be left in three pairs of hands.

The Courage deal looks clever, if complex. It manages to remove the Inntrepreneur estate, co-owned by Courage and Grand Metropolitan, from the equation. Yet it keeps in place the supply agreement to that estate from Courage. Inntrepreneur becomes a focused property company, while Foster's retains a margin payment under the supply deal and royalty payments for its eponymous brand.

S&N now has to decide just what cuts must be made to reach the £40 million-a-year savings it is looking for. Distribution can be rationalised, but closure of breweries is altogether a more difficult, more political matter. The merged entity has nine of these. Courage's state-of-the-art Reading plant looks sacrosanct, as do S&N's historic Edinburgh and Newcastle production centres. Courage's Stag brewery in Mortlake has already been hived off to Anheuser-Busch. The main areas of geographical overlap lie between Reading and Newcastle, for example Courage's Halifax brewery, making Websters, and S&N's Matthew Brown plant in Manchester and its Home Brewery in Nottingham.

Careless talk costs franchises

☐ THERE is an old Spanish proverb that says: "My friends are all honourable men — but my cloak is still missing." The problem with the Independent Television Commission's move against anyone who played fast and loose at the Channel Five auction earlier this month, or may be tempted to do so in future franchise rounds, is that it presupposes all those involved are honourable men. But the end result of the bidding race still looks a distinctly odd one.

The ITC is to ask for written promises from the two bidders who crossed the finishing line together, the Virgin and Pearson consortia who put in bids identical to the last pound, that they did not collude. Otherwise they will be disqualified. Since both have shouted from the rooftops ever since that they did not, and indeed the first has already called for an inquiry to clear its name, their written responses are unlikely to vary from this view. This goes no nearer to explaining just why both bids came in at a precise £22,002,000.

All this is significant because the over-bidder, a mixed bag mainly from overseas led by CanWest, has some work to do in meeting the various requirements of the ITC over and above hard cash, including quality and financial stability. If it fails, the race is open again to Virgin and Pearson, who can then rebid at rather less than previously offered, taking the view that the fourth runner, BSkyB/Granada, is out of the race. Should this happen it would be, to say the least, unfortunate if their new bids bore anything other than a glancing similarity.

Shellshock

☐ REFORM in South Africa has not brought peace to multinationals' AGMs, as Shell was reminded yesterday. Political disruptions may not be welcome but serve useful purposes. They use multinationals to draw the world into scandals oppressive regimes could otherwise hide. And they help shareholders to question what big organisations do in their name. Both are strengths of open capitalism.

British Gas to shed further 2,400 staff

By Colin Narbrough

BRITISH GAS, braced for investor hostility over top pay at its annual meeting on May 31, reported 2,400 voluntary redundancies for the first quarter and said that a further 8,000 were expected this year.

First-quarter figures, released yesterday, showed that earnings had fallen to 13.9p a share, from 15p, on an historical-cost basis, as net profits dipped to £605 million (£651 million). On a current-cost basis, the net profit fell to £505 million (£565 million).

The company said that warmer weather and the continuing loss of market among industrial and domestic users, mainly arising from regulatory policy, had dented performance during the quarter.

Operating profit, at £863 million (£951 million) on a current-cost basis, was depressed by the mild winter. Comparison with last year was distorted by the sale of its Consumers Gas business, which boosted first-quarter operating profits £109 million.

Operating profit on continuing operations was almost unchanged, at £843 million.

Richard Giordano, the non-executive chairman, who has aggressively defended the company's remuneration structure, including his £450,000 pay and the £475,000 paid to Cedric Brown, the chief executive, said that restructuring of the UK gas business continued to move fast. Voluntary redundancies had exceeded company expectations. He said that more than 12,000 had left and the company was confident of achieving cost savings of more than £600 million a year. Benefits were starting to come through, he said, a claim questioned by some City analysts.

The target that British Gas set two years ago was for 25,000 job cuts by the end of 1998, with the bulk coming by the end of next year. The company has had to relocate its annual meeting to the London Arena in Docklands to cope with the large number of shareholders.

On the expected consultation document from Ofgas, the watchdog, on pricing by TransCo, Gas's distribution arm, Mr Giordano called for formulae that encouraged cuts in controllable costs, but recognised the capital intensive nature of the business, by providing incentives to management to improve the use of capital. TransCo operating profit fell £30 milion to £450 million in the first quarter. Trading arm profits fell £45 million to £175 million.



Giordano: benefits claim

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Onex bids £1bn for Labatt

By Eric Reguly

A TAKEOVER offer worth C$2.3 billion (£1.1 billion) was announced yesterday for John Labatt, the Canadian brewer that owns 535 pubs in Britain and Birra Moretti, one of Italy's largest beer companies.

Onex Corporation, a Toronto-based holding company with investments in airline catering and food distribution, has bid C$24 a share in cash and notes for the company. It said the offer will be financed by C$940 in equity and convertible notes and C$1.4 billion in bank loans. The Quilmes group of Luxembourg, which controls brewing businesses in South America, said it will invest C$321.5 million.

Labatt dismissed the takeover proposal as "wholly inadequate". Labatt stock, which closed at $21⅞ on Wednesday, soared yesterday to more than C$24. Gerald Schwartz, Onex's chief executive, said he plans to sell Labatt's sports and entertainment divisions and hinted that the European division will go as well.

Canteen exceeds forecasts

By Martin Waller

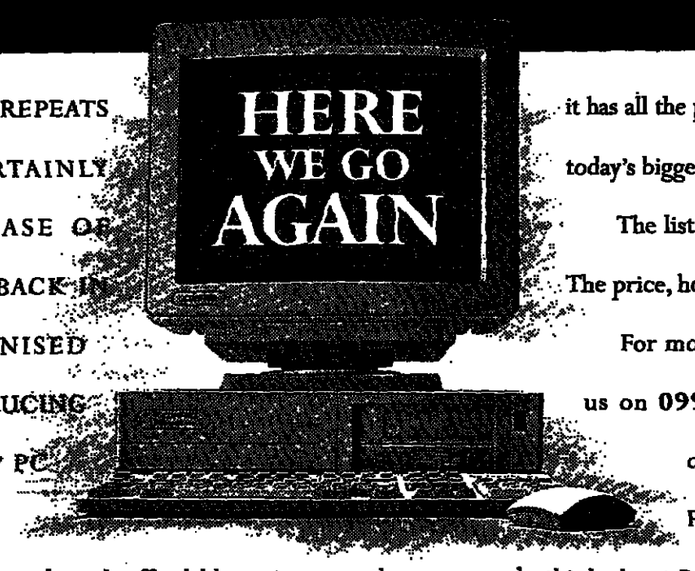
CANTEEN, the US catering operation acquired by Compass Group a year ago, is running well ahead of profit forecasts made at the time of the acquisition and contributed strongly to first-half figures from the company.

Francis Mackay, chief executive of Compass, said the $450 million purchase had survived one significant hurdle since then, a number of important repeat pitches for existing work including the the prestigious catering contract for the Department of Agriculture in Washington.

"We have had a number of sensitive rebids where change of ownership hasn't been an issue," he said. Canteen contributed profits before interest and tax of $19.9 million, a 13 per cent rise, to half-year figures from Compass Group that showed a rise in pre-tax profits from £23.3 million to £31 million.

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STOCK MARKET  PHILIP PANGALOS

Shares on a roller-coaster as profit-takers move in

WEAKER than expected retail sales, and their implication for interest rates, boosted shares in a roller-coaster day for investors. Profit-takers moved in, however, after an early fall on Wall Street.

Shares initially pushed back above the 3,300 level with an early 18-point advance after April's weaker-than-expected retail sales figures cast doubt on expectations that interest rates will rise in early June.

The retail sales figures showed that store purchases fell 0.2 per cent when analysts had forecast an increase of about 0.3 per cent after retailers' optimism in the strong CBI distributives trades survey.

However, a sharply lower start to trading on Wall Street in the wake of the latest US trade figures unsettled bonds and triggered inflation concerns, dampening sentiment in late London trading. Profit-taking after recent strong gains ensured that the FT-SE 100 index failed to hold above the 3,300 level, closing 11.6 points down at 3,285.8. Volume, boosted by a host of corporate news, saw 776.7 million shares traded.

Queens Moat Houses, the debt-laden hotels group, finally returned from a suspension that has lasted for more than two years after a complex refinancing was secured, under which a large amount of bank debt was converted to equity. The shares made an active start, initially settling at 4p before climbing to close at 6¼p, on heavy volume of 46.9 million shares traded, compared with a suspension price of 47½p in April 1993.

The Telegraph was one of the day's biggest casualties, with shares in the newspaper group tumbling to 373p before partly recovering to end 59p lower at 380p. The slide followed confirmation of Wednesday's surprise late news that Conrad Black, the Canadian publisher, had abandoned plans to buy the 41.5 per cent of the equity he does not already own. The move came after the board of independent Telegraph directors rejected an offer from American Publishing of Chicago, a subsidiary of Mr Black's Hollinger group.

Among those reporting, **BT** failed to hold an early 6p rise, ending 2½p softer at 400½p, on volume of 21.2 million shares, after a 3.4 per cent drop in annual pre-tax profits to £2.66 billion as redundancy charges grew to £820 million (£517 million). Investors were encouraged by a higher dividend, strong growth in cellular products and news of "sound" trading prospects, though regulatory uncertainties remain.

Trafalgar House fell 3½p to 48½p after the civil engineering, property and shipping group's unsuccessful bid for Northern Electric helped drag it £48.2 million into the red in the six months to March, compared with a £13.8 million profit last time. The unsuccessful bid cost Trafalgar £12 million in the first half of the year, while the group was also sunk by £14 million worth of losses and exceptional costs at its Cunard shipping arm, including a £7.5 million charge relating to the refit debacle on the QE2 liner.

Brewers were in the spotlight again after Brian Stewart, chief executive of Scottish & Newcastle, unveiled S&N's long-awaited move to buy Courage from Fosters Brewing for £425 million, making it the largest brewer in the UK, ahead of Bass. The deal, which is subject to regulatory approval, will be largely funded through a two-stage rights issue to raise £354 million, on a one-for-seven basis, at 475p a share. S&N, down 7p at 539p, said all divisions have performed well and forecasts an 18 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to at least £262 million in the year to April 1995, though it said trading remains difficult in all areas.

Among other brewers, Bass slipped 7p to 559p, **Grand Metropolitan** 5p to 390p, **Joseph Holt** 53p to £31.60, **Whitbread** 3p to 577p and **Guinness**, which told yesterday's annual meeting that trading remains mixed, dipped 3p to 470p.

Elsewhere, weaker-than-expected retail sales unsettled some in the stores sector. **Marks & Spencer**, which reports annual results next Tuesday, eased 8p to 426p, while **House of Fraser** dipped 1p to 162p, **MFI** 2p to 130p and **Sears** 1p to 109½p.

Burton bucked the trend with a 5½p rise to 85p after improved margins helped it nearly double interim profits. **Capital Radio** turned into an 8p rise to 422p after the radio group accompanied improved profits and dividends in the first half with confident noises on prospects after a strong start to the second half.

Iceland gained 4p to 186p after the food retailer accompanied plans at its annual meeting to create more than 5,000 new jobs by the end of the decade with a pledge to lift this year's interim and final dividends by a quarter.

In oils, American selling saw **BP** slip 8½p to 451½p and **Shell** 9½p to 753½p.

Tadpole Technology, which recently saw its shares suspended at 178p and then crash to 83p on Monday after hefty first-half losses and a boardroom resignation, recovered a further 4p to 116p, for a two-day gain of 24p.

Clarke, Nickolls & Coombs was unchanged at 7p in spite of M&G picking up 11 per cent of the property group, at 7¾p. **Arjo Wiggins** eased 4p to 266p in spite of buy advice from NatWest Securities.

GILT-EDGED: Gilts enjoyed a good start after weaker-than-expected retail sales figures, but drifted off in mid-session with internaitonal bonds. However, they recovered before the close, with the June series of the long gilt future ending up 21 ticks at £106 13/32, as 88,000 contracts were traded. Among conventional stocks, gains stretched to £⅜ for ultra longs, while shorter-dated issues added £½. Index-linked saw rises of slightly over £½.

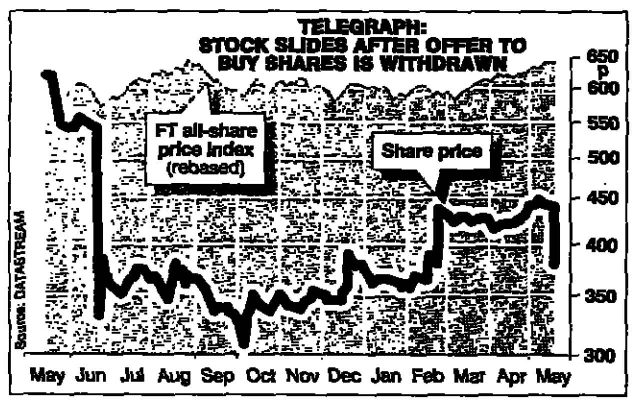
☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street slumped on news of a larger than expected March trade deficit. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 30.43 points by midday at 4,392.17.

JAMES MORGAN



Mike Foster, of Foster's, and Brian Stewart, of S&N

BRITISH STEEL was a good market, hardening 3¼p to 176¼p, *on heavy volume of 16.5 million shares*, after a buy recommendation from Henderson Crosthwaite. Sentiment was also boosted by news that Avesta Sheffield, 49.9 per cent owned by British Steel, had seen a ten-fold increase in first-quarter profits.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 4392.17 (-30.43)
S&P Composite .... 524.66 (-2.41)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 16312.56 (-158.79)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9115.72 (-54.52)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 424.81 (-0.98)

Sydney:
AO .... 2020.5 (-21.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2087.13 (+8.19)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2163.47 (+3.18)

Brussels:
General .... 7614.63 (-5.77)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1989.78 (-14.90)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 643.00 (-2.20)

London:
FT 30 .... 2499.6 (-8.3)
FT 100 .... 3285.8 (-11.6)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3619.5 (+1.3)
FT-SE-A 350 .... 1634.1 (-4.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1367.00 (-0.51)
FT A All-Share .... 1617.00 (-3.79)
FT Non Financials .... 1740.04 (-4.86)
FT Fixed Interest .... 112.49 (+0.11)
FT Govt Secs .... 93.46 (+0.31)
Bargains 26618
SEAQ Volume 776.7m
USM (Datastrm) .... 154.86 (+0.36)
US$ .... 1.5635 (-0.0062)
German Mark .... 2.2824 (+0.0267)
Exchange Index .... 85.1 (+0.6)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2193
£:SDR 1.0200
RPI .... 149.0 Apr (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Brit Aero Cap Uts p/p	727	+1
Dumyat IT Cv An Div	105	...
Dumyat IT Mthly Div	105	...
Edinburgh Jap Tst C	100	-2
Finsbury W'wide Phrm	103	...
General Cable (190)	178	...
Gus Carter (80)	95	-1
Ivory/Sime UK Disc	97	...
Ivory/Sime UK Disc Wts	32	...
Oryx India	650	...
Oryx India Wts	250	...
Precoat Int'l (125)	135	...
Schroder Inc/Grth Fd	106	...
Schroder Inc/Grth Wts	27	...
Scot Orтl Smlr Co (100)	100	-½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Lloyds .... 674p (+6p)
Schroders .... 1110p (+20p)
Morland .... 465p (+6p)
App Holo .... 78p (+8p)
Br Vita .... 284p (+6p)
Wolstenholme Rink .... 823p (+20p)
Diploma .... 484p (+13p)
Critchley .... 510p (+11p)
Mitel .... 342p (+32p)
McKechnie .... 434p (+12p)
Powerscreen .... 303p (+6p)
Airflow Stream .... 250p (+27p)
St Ives Group .... 369p (+10p)
Pegasus .... 208p (+18p)
De La Rue .... 925p (+13p)

FALLS:
Barclays .... 656p (-7p)
Bass .... 559p (-7p)
Scot & New .... 539p (-7p)
Eve Group .... 275p (-13p)
Filofax .... 244p (-9p)
BOC .... 780p (-10p)
ICI .... 769p (-6p)
Takeda Chem .... 787p (-44p)
Inchcape .... 323p (-7p)
Rotork .... 163p (-9p)
Kewill Sys .... 300p (-8p)
Sage Group .... 970p (-20p)
Vosper Thorny .... 819p (-14p)
Devro .... 234p (-9p)
ADT .... 730p (-8p)
Marks Spencer .... 426p (-8p)
Sothebys .... 840p (-20p)

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TEMPUS

Trafalgar's rough passage

TRAFALGAR HOUSE wanted to make a clean breast of it yesterday and a contrite Nigel Rich, the chief executive, made every effort to set out the full detail of what has been a ghastly six months, comprising a failed bid and a nightmare cruise for the QE2. Unfortunately, he could not tell investors the full story and hinted heavily that it could get worse.

The blame is being squarely laid on the previous management. The Hong Kong Land team took over a business with few controls: a group built up by acquiring businesses that were never properly knitted together.

A head office taskforce is now being sent into every corner of Trafalgar's rickety empire to come up with a business plan capable of delivering a decent profit. Those that do not make the grade will be sold. For investors that must mean a further round of cost-cutting and provisions followed by asset sales on a scale that could dwarf previous writedowns.

But questions remain to be answered by the Trafalgar board. In the full knowledge of Trafalgar's internal reporting problems, the management launched a controversial and expensive bid. Even had it won, the ramshackle core businesses would have required time-consuming and expensive surgery. Trafalgar believes that the electricity business would have run itself, but that begs the question as to why Northern Electricity should be owned by Trafalgar.

As Trafalgar's management begins a prolonged period of soul-searching, investors might come to the conclusion that the bid for Northern Electricity had more to do with saving the reputations of the Hong Kong *taipans* than any coherent business strategy.

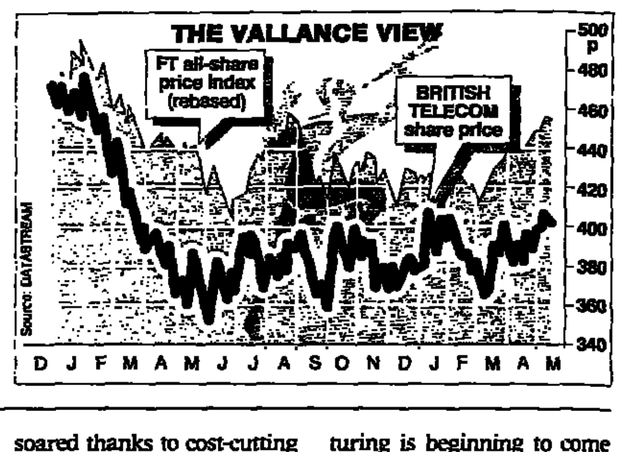
British Telecom

ACCORDING to Sir Iain Vallance, British Telecom's chairman, the outlook is bleak for shareholders. He hinted yesterday that future dividend growth is in doubt because of increased competition from the cable companies and a "hostile" regulator intent on clobbering BT on issues such as telephone number portability and interconnection charges.

Shareholders are unlikely to be taken in. BT is in the middle of a regulatory review and the City thinks that he is posturing. Sir Iain wants to leave the regulator no ammunition to argue that tighter controls will leave the company financially unscathed, or, more importantly, that it has not felt the effects of competition.

In fact, the market is keen on BT shares and it expects dividend growth to at least match the 6 per cent rise announced yesterday. Earnings are set to soar next year because of lower redundancy charges and strong international call growth.

Moreover, there is talk that BT might follow Pacific Telesis and US West, both of America, and split its shares down the middle to "unlock" shareholder value, a move that BT's chairman would not rule out yesterday. In BT's case, one share would reflect BT's regulated, that is, domestic business; the other its growing international side, such as Concert, its global joint venture with MCI, America's second largest long-distance carrier.



British Gas

THE market listened politely to reassurance from British Gas about cost-cutting being well ahead of schedule, but took a long hard look for evidence in the first-quarter figures. In the end, investors gave British Gas the benefit of the doubt and chose to ignore the £60 million quarterly fall in earnings.

A diplomatic response is probably fair: the market is always impatient for results from cost-cutting and on the original timetable little benefit could reasonably be expected in the first quarter. Moreover, British Gas has suffered from the mild winter and the continuing erosion of its share of the gas market above 2,500 therms due to its obligation to publish price schedules.

In the absence of a level playing field in the UK, British Gas's best hope lies upstream and quarterly profits from British Gas's exploration & production division soared thanks to cost-cutting and volume increases as North Morecambe came on stream.

British Gas claims some £30 million of cost-savings in the first quarter and hopes to achieve £150 million this year, out of a target £600 million. The market is hoping for a dividend increase in the half year, but more important will be evidence of savings in the bottom line. Without a boost to earnings, any improvement in the payout will be cold comfort.

Burton Group

BURTON GROUP cannot be blamed for pouring a little cold water over its 70 per cent leap in profits, which is unlikely to be repeated. But the City has waited a long time for signs that the retailer is finally pulling itself out of the mire and yesterday nothing was going to deflate its enthusiasm.

Recovery is just beginning to show through. The restructuring is beginning to come together and attempts to lift flagging margins are paying off as the struggle to sell more stock at full value is taking hold.

In the 26 weeks to April 1, gross margins rose 3.6 per cent, fuelling the rise in profits.

The gap between Debenhams, which relentlessly produces good results, and the multiples — particularly Burtons and Principles — which have been poor performers — is beginning to close.

In the short-term, profits growth will continue to come from margin gains, which in turn will be helped by improvements in the supply chain. But, in the longer term, the group needs to grow its sales.

The recovery is not going to happen over night. But the potential for profits' growth over the long term means a fully-taxed prospective p/e of 22 times does not look too demanding.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	945-940	Jul	1047-1044
Jul	961-960	Sep	1058-1055
Sep	981-980	Dec	1075-1071
Dec	1002-1001	Mar	1094-1082
Mar	1023-1021		
May	1034-1032	Volume:	7949

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	3032-3020	Jan	2995-2985
Jul	3054-3051	Mar	2985-2975
Sep	3022-3019	May	2980-2970
Nov	3012-3005	Volume:	2626

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	290.0-89.0
Spot: 386.5		May	290.9-89.0
Aug	346.4-45.7	Aug	291.4-89.0
Oct	302.8-01.7	Oct	276.2-74.0
Dec	291.5-90.5	Volume:	1450

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	92.98	130.53	121.60
(+/-)	+4.08	+8.63	+0.73
Eng/Wales:	92.98	133.47	121.08
(+/-)	+4.08	+7.04	+0.72
(%)	-12.0	+32.0	-3.0
Scotland:	unq	128.74	123.96
(+/-)	...	+5.77	+0.49
(%)	...	+79.0	+10.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.45	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.35	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.05	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.95	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.80	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 211 (+6)	O: 213 (+6)
Gasoil EEC	160 (+2)	161 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	157 (+2)	158 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jul	157 (+2)	158 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	108 (n/c)	111 (n/c)
Naphtha	185 (-1)	187 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	156.50-56.75	Sep	158.00-58.25
Jul	155.75-56.00	Oct	160.75-61.00
Aug	156.25-56.50		Vol: 14267

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.35-18.36	Oct	17.74-17.77
Aug	18.07-18.09	Nov	17.63-17.65
Sep	17.87-17.90		Vol: 23253

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	122.15	May	111.75
Jul	123.00	Sep	104.25
Sep	106.45	Nov	106.15
Nov	107.50	Jan	107.90
Jan	109.45	Mar	109.75
Volume: 297		Volume: 64	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	126.0	127.3
May	unq	147.5
Jun	...	...
		Volume: 25

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jun 120.75-121.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 95	2185	2150	2188
Jun 95	2050	2000	2050
Jul 95	1945	1900	1935
Oct 95	1915	1860	1915
Vol: 443 lots		Open Interest:	4879

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2743.0-2744.0	2739.0-2740.0	1174850
Lead ($/tonne)	589.50-590.00	603.00-603.50	119425
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1027.0-1027.5	1050.5-1051.5	345000
Tin ($/tonne)	5740.0-5745.0	5740.0-5741.0	27755
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1728.5-1729.0	1747.0-1748.0	1168525
Nickel ($/tonne)	7260.0-7270.0	7390.0-7400.0	56472

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3305.0	3333.0	3288.0	3293.0	15834
Previous open interest: 76642	Sep 95	3329.5	3342.0	3329.5	3315.3	463
FT-SE 250	Jun 95				3640.0	0
Previous open interest: 4032	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	92.99	93.15	92.99	93.13	27994
Previous open interest: 403218	Sep 95	92.59	92.78	92.58	92.76	42523
	Dec 95	92.29	92.49	92.28	92.47	16195
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.89	0
Previous open interest: 1184	Sep 95				93.97	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.45	95.50	95.43	95.45	29892
Previous open interest: 669147	Sep 95	95.41	95.45	95.37	95.39	41693
Long Gilt	Jun 95	105-21	106-18	105-18	106-13	88029
Previous open interest: 112093	Sep 95	105-08	106-00	105-08	105-31	7841
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	117.63	117.63	117.36	117.45	2481
	Sep 95	116.59	116.60	116.40	116.48	1345
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	94.35	94.47	94.08	94.22	134776
Previous open interest: 206656	Sep 95	93.70	93.82	93.52	93.60	2357
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.83	93.87	93.80	93.84	1469
Previous open interest: 20439	Sep 95	93.85	93.87	93.82	93.84	1106
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.48	96.55	96.47	96.49	3578
Previous open interest: 39905	Sep 95	96.39	96.47	96.38	96.42	2351
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	100.95	101.55	100.68	101.37	36178
Previous open interest: 48925	Sep 95	100.25	100.71	100.20	100.71	1142

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 7/16 : 3 mth 6 7/16. Sell: 2 mth 6⅜ : 3 mth: 6⅜.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅝-5 13/16	6⅝-6 11/16	6⅝-6⅝	6¾-6 11/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	7-6⅞	7⅝-7⅝
Interbank:	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	7-6⅞	7⅝-7⅝

Overnight: open 6¾, close 4½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⅝	n/a	6⅝	7	7⅝
Sterling CDs:	6¾-6	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6⅞	7⅝-7⅝
Dollar CDs:	6.00	n/a	6.03	6.03	6.07
Building Society CDs:	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6⅞	7⅝-7⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87 %. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5¾	6⅛-5 15/16	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	5-4
French Franc:	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅝-6⅞	6⅞-6⅝	8⅛-6½
Swiss Franc:	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-3	3⅛-2⅞
Yen:	1⅛-1¼	1⅛-1¼	1⅛-1¼	1⅛-1¼	1⅛-¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.20-383.60 Close: $382.70-383.20 High: $383.20-383.60
Low: $381.50-382.00 AM: $383.05 PM: $383.00

Krugerrand: $383.50-385.50 (£245.00-247.00)

Platinum: $426.25 (£272.55) Silver: $5.38 (£3.435) Palladium: $157.25 (£100.55)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5355-2.5544	2.5448-2.5512	⅛-¼pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Brussels	46.64-46.98	46.75-46.88	8-3pr	20-13pr
Copenhagen	8.8530-8.9040	8.8700-8.8900	⅛-¼ds	⅛-1ds
Dublin	0.9793-0.9861	0.9793-0.9837	par-4ds	1ds-5pr
Frankfurt	2.2648-2.2832	2.2720-2.2782	⅛-¼pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Lisbon	237.89-239.69	238.90-239.69	42-78ds	178-231ds
Madrid	197.04-198.66	197.04-197.46	46-56ds	137-154ds
Milan	2594.30-2617.60	2608.00-2617.60	7-10ds	21-24ds
Montreal	2.1180-2.1380	2.1180-2.1224	0.18-0.27ds	0.31-0.42ds
New York	1.5620-1.5736	1.5620-1.5640	0.03-0.01pr	0.23-0.18pr
Oslo	10.0690-10.1290	10.0960-10.1180	⅛-¼pr	3⅛-2⅛pr
Paris	8.0380-8.0930	8.0650-8.0920	⅛-1ds	⅛-1ds
Stockholm	11.5860-11.6370	11.6050-11.6370	1⅛-2⅛ds	5⅛-6⅛ds
Tokyo	136.39-137.05	136.39-136.73	⅛-¼pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	15.93-16.05	15.99-16.04	2⅛-1⅛pr	9-6⅛pr
Zurich	1.8907-1.9068	1.8972-1.9028	⅛-¼pr	1⅛-1⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3898-1.3908
Austria	10.24-10.25
Belgium (Com)	29.96-29.97
Canada	1.3576-1.3581
Denmark	5.6835-5.6885
France	5.1575-5.1590
Germany	1.4565-1.4570
Hong Kong	7.7355-7.7365
Ireland	1.5880-1.5900
Italy	1668.00-1669.00
Japan	87.30-87.35
Malaysia	2.4720-2.4730
Netherlands	1.6295-1.6300
Norway	6.4667-6.4687
Portugal	153.08-153.18
Singapore	1.3965-1.3975
Spain	126.65-126.75
Sweden	7.4340-7.4440
Switzerland	1.2165-1.2175

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5628-1.5654
Australia dollar	2.1753-2.1782
Bahrain dinar	0.5855-0.5975
Brazil real*	1.3877-1.3918
China yuan	12.50 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7075-0.7175
Finland markka	6.875-6.991
Greece drachma	361.25-368.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.0829-12.0921
India rupee	48.85-49.81
Indonesia rupiah	3467.00-3535.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4635-0.4735
Malaysia ringgit	3.8613-3.8653
New Zealand dollar	2.3538-2.3571
Pakistan rupee	48.23 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.825-5.951
Singapore dollar	2.1821-2.1857
S Africa rand (com)	5.715-5.817
U A E dirham	5.705-5.829

Barclays Bank GTS Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,000	Legal & Gn	1,100
ASDA Gp	2,600	Lloyds Bk	3,600
Abbey Natl	1,900	MEPC	645
Alld Dom	2,200	Marks Spr	6,200
Argyll Gp	1,700	NatWst Bk	3,100
Arjo Wiggn	1,900	Nat Power	1,600
AB Foods	684	Nth Wst W	722
BAA	1,400	P & O	2,600
BAT Inds	4,600	Pearson	814
BOC	1,000	PowerGen	547
BP	7,800	Prudential	2,700
BTR	11,000	RMC	404
BT	21,000	RTZ	1,300
Bk of Scot	2,500	Rank Org	3,200
Barclays	1,800	Reckitt Col	1,200
Bass	1,100	Redland	2,400
Blue Circle	2,400	Reed Intl	1,700
Boots	3,400	Rentokil	1,600
Bowater	1,300	Reuters	2,500
Brit Aero	717	Rolls Royce	1,800
Brit Airwys	10,000	Ryl Ins	4,600
Brit Gas	7,900	Ryl Bk Scot	3,800
Brit Steel	16,000	Sainsbury	2,000
Burmah Cstl	280	Schroders	492
Cable Wire	1,700	Scot & New	2,900
Cadbury	1,000	Scot Power	5,200
Caradon	2,000	Sears	7,100
Carlton Cms	602	Svrn Trent	629
Cm Union	3,200	Shell Trans	4,000
Courtaulds	2,000	Siebe	2,500
De La Rue	738	SmKl Bch	5,000
Eastern Elec	390	Smith Nph	5,400
Enterpr Oil	325	Sthern Elec	280
Forte	4,000	Std Chartd	1,500
GKN	2,300	Sun Allnce	856
GRE	1,300	TI Gp	881
GUS	1,600	TSB	3,100
Gen Acc	1,400	Tate & Lyle	328
Gen Elec	4,000	Tesco	3,400
Glaxo Well	6,900	Thames W	280
Granada	2,800	Thrn EMI	1,700
Grand Met	2,500	Tomkins	4,100
Guinness	3,900	Unilever	1,100
HSBC	1,600	Utd Bisc	1,100
Hanson	13,000	Vodafone	4,900
ICI	1,600	Warburg	2,200
Inchcape	1,400	Whitbread	539
Kingfisher	1,500	Wlms Hld	3,500
Ladbroke	3,600	Wolseley	1,800
Land Secs	1,200	Zeneca	1,600

WALL STREET

	May 18 midday	May 17 close
AMP Inc	43	43¼
AMR Corp	67	67¼
AT & T	51	51¼
Abbott Labs	37¼	38¼
Advanced Micro	35¼	35¾
Aetna Life	59¼	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	23	23
Air Prod & Chem	51¾	52¼
Albertson's	29¼	29¼
Alcan Aluminm	28¾	28¼
Alco Standard	71¾	71¾
Allied Signal	39¾	40¼
Alum Co of Am	46	46¼
Amax Gold Inc	5¼	5¾
Amerada Hess	51¾	52
Amer Brands	40¾	40¾
Amer El Power	32¾	32¼
Amer Express	35¼	35¾
Amer Genl Corp	33¾	33¾
Amer Home Pr	73¾	73¾
Amer Intl	113¾	113¾
Amer Stores	25	25¾
Ameritech	44	44
Amoco	68¼	67¾
Anheuser-Busch	57	57¼
Apple Computer	43¼	44
Archer Daniels	19	18¾
Armco	6¾	7
Armstrng Wrld	49¾	50¼
Asarco	27¼	27¾
Ashland Oil	37¾	37¾
Atl Richfield	114¾	115¼
Auto Data Pro	62¾	63
Avery Dennison	42¼	42¾
Avon Products	64¾	64¾
Baker Hughes	23	23¾
Baltim Gas & El	24¾	24¾
Banc One	32¾	32¾
BankAmerica	50¾	51¼
Bank of NY	36¾	37
Bankers Tr NY	57¾	58
Barnett Banks	48¾	48¾
Bausch & Lomb	40¾	40¼
Baxter Intl	33¾	34
Becton Dicknsn	57¾	57¾
Bell Atlantic	53¾	53¾
Bell Industries	20¾	20¼
BellSouth	61¾	62
Black & Decker	30¼	30¾
Block (H&R)	39	39¾
Boeing	56¾	57
Boise Cascade	35	35¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	64	65¼
Browning Ferris	35¾	36¾
Brunswick	20	20¾
Burlington Nthn	58¾	58¾
CBS	64¾	65¾
CNA Financial	83	83
CPC Intl	58¾	59¾
CSX	76¾	76¾
Campbell Soup	47¾	47¾
Can Pacific	17¼	17¼
Cpl Cities ABC	88¾	86¾
Carolina Pwr	28¾	28¾
Caterpillar	61¾	62¼
Central & SW	24¾	24¾
Champion Ind	46¾	47
Chase Manhat	47¾	47¾
Chemical Bk	44¼	45
Chevron Corp	48¾	49¼
Chrysler	43¾	43¼
Chubb Corp	84¾	84¾
Cigna Corp	73¾	73¾
Citicorp	50¾	51
Clorox	57¼	57¾
Coastal Corp	30¾	31
Coca Cola	58¼	58
Colgate-Palmolive	71¼	71¾
Columbia Gas	30	29
Compaq Comp	40¾	39¾
Comp Ass Intl	69¾	72¼
Conagra	31¾	31¾
Conrail	54¾	54¾
Cons Edison	28¾	28¾
Cons Nat Gas	38¾	39
Cooper Inds	38¾	38¾
Corning Inc	33¾	33¾
Crown Cork	41¾	42¼
Dana Corp	27	27¾
Dayton Hudson	68¾	68¾
Deere	87¼	88¾
Delta Air Lines	64	63¾
Deluxe Corp	30¾	30¾
Detroit Edison	28¾	28¾
Digital Equip	48	47¾
Dillard Dept St	27¾	27¾
Disney (Walt)	55¾	55¾
Dominion Res	37¾	37¾
Donelley (RR)	35¾	36
Dover Corp	67¾	67¾
Dow Chemical	73	72¾
Dow Jones	36¾	37
Dresser	23¾	23¾
Duke Power	40¾	40¾
Dun & Bradstreet	54	54¾
Du Pont	67¾	68¾
Eastman Kodak	59¾	60¾
Eaton Corp	56¾	60¾
Emerson Elec	69¾	70
Engelhard Corp	41¾	41¾
Enron Corp	35¾	35¾
Entergy	22¾	22¾
Ethyl Corp	11¾	11¾
Exxon	71¾	71¾
FMC Corp	63¾	64¼
FPL Group	37¾	37¾
Federal Express	62¾	62¾
Fed Nat Mtge	92¾	92¾
First Chicago	58¾	58¾
First Interstate	82¾	83
First Union Rlty	7¼	7¼
Fleet Fnl Grp	34¾	34¾
Fluor Corp	51¾	51¾
Ford Motor	28¾	29¼
GTE Corp	32¾	32¾
Gannett	53¾	53¾
Gap Inc Del	33¾	33¾
Gen Dynamics	45	46¼
Gen Electric	58	57¾
Gen Mills	59¾	60¼
Gen Motors	46¾	46¾
Gen Reinsurance	133¾	134
Gen Signal	37¼	37¾
Genuine Parts	39¾	39¼
Georgia Pac	79¾	80¾
Gillette	82¾	83¼
Glaxo Wellc ADR	22¼	22¾
Goodrich (BF)	48¾	48¾
Goodyear Tire	40¾	41¾
Grace (W&R)	60¾	61
Gt Atl Pac Tea	24¾	24¾
Great Wstn Fin	20¾	21¾
Halliburton	38¾	38¾
Harcourt General	41¾	41¾
Heinz (HJ)	44	43¾
Hercules	52¾	53¾
Hershey Foods	51¾	51¾
Hewlett Packard	70¼	70¾
Hilton Hotels	67¾	68¾
Home Depot	40¾	40¾
Homestake Mng	16	16¾
Honeywell	39¾	39¾
Household Intl	48¼	49¼
Houston Inds	40¾	40¾
Humana	21	21¾
ITT Corp	110¾	111¾
Illinois Tool	51¾	51¾
Illinova	23¾	23¾
INCO	29¾	29¾
Ingersoll Rand	38¾	38¼
Inland Steel	28¾	28¾
Intel Corp	114¾	110¾
IBM	94¾	94¾
Intl Flav & Fr	47¾	47¾
Intl Paper	80¾	80¾
James River Va	26¼	26¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	62¾	64¼
Kellogg	65¾	66¾
Kerr-McGee	59¾	59¾
Kimberly-Clark	57¾	57¾
Kmart	12¾	12¾
Knight-Ridder	55¾	55¾
Lilly (Eli)	71¾	71¾
Limited Inc	22¼	22¼
LIN Brdcstng	123¾	123¾
Lincoln Nat	43¼	43¾
Litton	36	35¾
Liz Claiborne	18¾	18¼
Lockheed Martin	59¾	60¾
Louisiana Pac	27¾	28¼
MCI Comm	21¼	21¾
Marriott Ins	36¾	36¾
Marsh & McLnn	78¾	79¾
Masco Corp	27¼	28¼
May Dept St	37¼	37¾
Maytag Corp	16¼	16¾
McDonalds	36¾	37¾
McDonnell D	69¾	70¾
McGraw Hill	74¾	75¼
Mead Corp	52¾	52¾
Medtronic	75	75¾
Mellon Bk	42¾	43¾
Melville Corp	37¾	38¾
Merck Inc	41¼	42
Merrill Lynch	46¾	47¾
Minnesota Mine	59¾	60¼
Mobil Corp	100¼	100¾
Monsanto	82¾	83¼
Morgan (JP)	67¾	67¾
Motorola Inc	60	60¾
Natl Semi	27¼	27¾
Natl Service Ind	28¾	28¾
Navistar Int	15¾	16
NBD Bancorp	31¾	31¾
NY Times A	23¾	24
Newmont Mng	40¾	40¾
Niag Mohawk	14¾	14¾
Nike B	78¾	79¾
NL Industries	14¾	14¾
Noram Energy	6¾	6¾
Nordstrom	39¾	38¾
Norfolk Sthrn	64¾	65¾
Nthn State Pwr	45¾	46
Norwest Corp	27¾	27¾
Nynex Corp	40¾	41¾
Occidental Pet	23¾	23¾
Ohio Edison	20¾	20¾
Oracle Systems	34¾	34¾
Oryx Energy Co	13¾	13¾
Owens Corning	38¾	38¾
PPG Industries	40	40¾
PNC Bank	25¾	26
Paccar Inc	47	47¾
Pacificorp	18¾	19
Pac Enterprises	25¾	26
Pac Gas & Elec	26¾	27
Pac Telesis	26¾	26¾
Pall Corp	22¾	22¾
Panhandle East	24¾	25
Parker Hannifin	55¾	56¾
Peco Energy	26¾	27¾
Penney (JC)	44¾	45¾
Pennzoil	50¾	50¾
Pepsico	45¾	45¾
Pfizer	82¾	83¾
Phelps Dodge	54¾	55
Philip Morris	69¾	70
Phillips Pet	36¾	37
Pitney Bowes	37	37¾
Polaroid	37	37¾
PriceCostco	13¾	13¾
Procter & Gmbl	68¾	69
Providian	35¾	35¾
Pub Serv E & G	28¾	28¾
Quaker Oats	34¾	34¾
Ralston Purina	47¾	47¾
Raychem Corp	34¾	35¾
Raytheon	74¾	75¾
Reebok Intl	34¾	34¾
Reynolds Metals	49¾	50¾
Roadway Srvcs	45¾	46¾
Rockwell Intl	45¾	45¾
Rohm & Haas	60¾	60¾
Royal Dutch	123¾	124¾
Rubbermaid	30¾	30¾
SBC Comms	43¾	43¾
Safeco Corp	57¾	57¾
St Paul's Cos	49¾	49¾
Salomon Inc	39¾	39¾
Santa Fe Pac	23	23¾
Sara Lee Corp	26¾	27
Scecorp	16¾	16¾
Schering Plough	73¾	74¾
Schlumberger	65¾	66
Scott Paper	45¾	45¾
Seagram	28¾	28¾
Sears Roebuck	55¾	55¾
Shell Trans	71¾	71¾
Sherwin Wlms	36¾	37
Skyline Corp	18¾	18¾
Snap-On-Tools	36¾	36¾
Southern Co	21¾	21¾
Sprint Corp	33	33¾
Stanley Works	39¾	39¾
Sun Company	32	31¾
Sun Microsys	45	44¾
Suntrust	58¾	58¾
Supervalu	26¾	27
Sysco Corp	27¾	27¾
TRW Inc	73¾	73¾
TCC Inds	2¼	2¼
Tandem Comp	14¾	14¾
Tandy Corp	48¼	48¾
Teledyne	25	25¾
Temple Inland	45¾	46¾
Tenet Healthcare	16¾	16¾
Tenneco	46¾	47¾
Texaco	68¾	68¾
Texas Inst	121¾	118¾
Texas Utilities	33¾	34
Textron	58¾	58¾
Time Warner	39¾	40¾
Times-Mirror A	22¾	22¾
Timken	44¾	44¾
Torchmark	39¾	39¾
Toys R Us	25¾	25¾
Transamerica	57	57¾
Travelers	42	42¾
Tribune	59¾	59¾
Tyco Labs	55¾	55¾
UST Inc	29¾	29¾
UAL	113¾	113¾
USX Marathon	19¾	19¾
Unicom	26¾	27¾
Unilever NV	121¾	122¾
Union Camp	52¾	53¾
Union Carbide	30	30¾
Union Pacific	55¾	55¾
Unisys Corp	10¾	10¾
USAIR Group	7¾	7¾
USF&G Corp	16¾	16¾
US Life	37¾	38
US West	39¾	40
United Tech	74	74¾
Unocal Corp	29¾	29¾
Upjohn	34¾	35
VF Corp	52¾	53¾
WMX Tech	28¾	28¾
Wal-Mart Stores	24¾	24¾
Warner-Lambert	78¾	79¾
Wells Fargo	174¾	176
Westinghouse El	14¾	14¾
Weyerhaeuser	43¾	43¾
Whirlpool	56	56
Whitman	18¾	18¾
Winn Dixie	55¾	56
Woolworth	15¾	15¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44¾	44¾
Xerox	119¾	122¾
Yellow Corp	19¾	20

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom.	500	32	37½	46	9	13½	20½
(*532)	550	6½	14	22	39	42	47
Argyll	300	9½	17	23	13	17½	21½
(*302)	330	1	7½	12	36½	38½	41
ASDA	80	4½	7	8½	3	4½	6
(*81½)	90	1	3	4½	9½	10½	11½
Boots	500	41½	49	55½	5	9½	14
(*539)	550	8½	20½	28½	29	32½	37
Br Airways	420	17½	26½	37	12½	20	23½
(*427½)	460	3½	11	19½	41½	44	46½
BP	420	38	46	52	2½	6½	10
(*451½)	460	11	20½	29	16½	22½	26
Br Steel	160	18	20	21½	2	4½	6
(*176½)	180	5	9	10½	10½	13	15
C & W	390	27	37½	45	8	13	17½
(*409)	420	10½	22	30	23	28	32
CU	550	42½	52	62	7½	17	22½
(*581)	600	13	26	37	30½	42	47½
ICI	750	38½	49½	67½	12½	26	30½
(*769½)	800	15½	29½	42½	38½	53	56½
Kingfisher	460	27½	41	51	10	20	24
(*476)	500	9	21	31½	31	41	44½
Land Sec.	550	44	47	52	6	10	15
(*591½)	600	8½	19	25	32	35½	39
M & S	420	15	24	32	12	16	19
(*426)	460	2½	8½	15	41½	42	44½
Nat West.	500	53	60½	71	4	10½	14
(*545)	550	18½	29	41	19	30	34
Sainsbury	420	21	29½	38	6½	10	15
(*439½)	460	3½	10½	18½	31½	34	36
Shell	750	23	37	48½	13	24½	28½
(*753½)	800	4½	14	25½	47	54	57½
SmKl Bch.	460	39	48½	57½	3½	8½	14
(*491½)	500	13½	24½	35	17½	25	30½
Storehse.	240	11	18	21½	8	11	13
(*244)	260	3	8	12½	21	22½	24½
Trafalgar	45	6½	8	10	2	3	4½
(*48½)	50	4	5½	8	4½	5½	6½
Unilever	1150	66½	94½	110	8½	17	25½
(*1192)	1200	33	62½	79½	26½	35½	45
Zeneca	900	37½	56	74½	19½	35	41
(*910)	950	14½	32½	50½	47	62	67½
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	390	16½	25½	31	14	17	22½
(*390)	420	6	12½	18½	33½	35½	40½
Ladbroke	160	23½	26½	30	1½	3½	5
(*179½)	180	10	14	18½	7½	11	13
Utd Bisc	330	18½	26½	32	9½	19	22
(*330½)	360	7½	14	19½	30	37	39½

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	37½	46	54	4	8	12½
(*487½)	500	11½	22	31	20½	24½	29
Thames W	460	30	34	39½	10	16½	22½
(*483½)	500	7	15	20	35½	39½	44½
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BAT Ind	460	45	50½	60½	9½	15½	19½
(*486½)	500	19½	28	38½	27	33½	37½
BTR	330	21	25	30	6½	12½	14
(*338½)	360	6½	10½	15½	23	29½	30½
Br Aero	495	59½	71	—	9½	18	—
(*537½)	545	30	43	—	29½	39	—
Br Telcm	390	21	25	27½	12	16	20
(*400½)	420	6½	11	14½	31	34	38
Cadbury	447	26	—	—	10½	—	—
(*453½)	486	8½	—	—	34½	—	—
Guinness	460	28	36	48	9	15	19
(*469½)	500	9	16½	28	33	35½	39½
GEC	300	24½	28½	31½	4½	7½	10½
(*319½)	330	6½	11½	15½	20	22½	24½
Hanson	240	8½	12	14½	8½	13	16
(*240)	260	2½	5	7½	24	26½	28½
LASMO	160	13½	18½	23	5	7	8½
(*166½)	180	4	9½	13½	16	17½	19
Lucas	180	22½	27	29	3	7	9
(*197½)	200	10½	15	18	10½	16	18
Pilkngtn	180	8	12½	16½	7	10	11½
(*182)	200	2	5	8½	20½	22½	23½
Prudential	300	35½	40	45	3	6½	8
(*328)	330	15½	21	27	12	18	19½
Redland	420	48½	59½	67	4	10½	12
(*457)	460	22	33	43	16½	25½	27
R-Royce	180	13½	17½	22	6½	10	12
(*184)	200	5	9	13	18	21	23
Tesco	260	19½	24½	30	4½	8	10
(*271)	280	8½	14	19½	14	17½	19½
Vodafone	200	12	18½	22½	9½	13	15½
(*201)	220	4½	10	14½	22½	25	27
Williams	330	17½	22	28½	8½	13½	14½
(*331½)	360	5	9	14½	29	31½	33

FT-SE INDEX (*3285)

	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400
Calls						
May	136	86	37½	3	1	1
Jun	149½	107	70½	41½	21	9
Jul	175	137½	104	74½	52	34
Aug	188½	151	119	89	66	46
Dec	—	223	—	164	—	117
Puts						
May	1	1	1	16	65	115
Jun	7½	15	28½	50	81½	123
Jul	22½	35	51	72	100½	135
Aug	33	45½	63½	84	111½	143½
Dec	—	90	—	131	—	184½

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	460	23	33½	43½	4	14½	17
(*476)	500	4	13½	23	26	35½	37½
Amstrad	200	16½	23	27½	2	6	9
(*214½)	220	4½	11½	16½	10½	15	18
Barclays	650	20½	36	50	12½	27½	33
(*655)	700	3½	15	27½	46	57½	61½
Blue Circ.	300	11½	22	37½	7	14½	18
(*305)	330	1½	9	14½	26½	31½	35
Br Gas	300	9½	17½	23	4½	9	13½
(*303½)	330	0½	5	10	26½	28	31½
Dixons	240	7½	12½	17½	6	13	16
(*240)	260	1½	5½	9½	20½	27	28½
Forte	240	8½	16½	21½	4	7½	10½
(*243)	260	1½	7½	12	17½	19	21
Hillsdwn	180	6½	12½	16½	3½	6	9
(*181)	200	0½	4	8	19	19½	21
Lonrho	140	20	22	25½	0	1½	3
(*159)	160	5	9	13½	4½	8½	11
Sears	100	10½	13	14½	0½	1½	2
(*109½)	110	3	6½	8½	3	5	9½
Thrn Emi	1150	52½	70½	87½	7½	30	37½
(*1191½)	1200	21	42½	61	25½	55	62
Tomkins	240	9	14	19	5	12	14
(*241)	260	1½	6	10½	19½	25	26½
TSB	240	14	20	26½	4	9½	13½
(*249)	260	4½	10	17	14	20	24
Wellcome	1000	62½	67½	—	0	2	—
(*1061½)	1050	19½	24½	—	3½	13½	—
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo Well	700	35	49	57	13½	32	38
(*713)	750	12½	25	34	43½	61½	66½
HSBC	800	40	62½	81	28½	48½	56
(*807½)	850	18½	40	58	58	76½	83½
Reuter	460	33	44½	56	7	14	18½
(*481½)	500	12	23	34½	26	33	37½
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Royal Ins	300	26	32	39	6	11½	15
(*318½)	330	9½	16½	23½	19½	26	29½
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Fisons	180	9	16½	33	5½	11	14½
(*182½)	200	2½	8	14½	18½	22	26
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Eastern Gp	600	52	63½	73	21½	29½	37½
(*637½)	650	23½	39	49	47½	55½	63½
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr	460	14	20½	29½	14	20½	24½
(*465)	500	1½	6½	14	46½	49	51
Scot Pwr	330	10½	18½	23	7	18	20½
(*332)	360	1½	6	11½	29½	38½	40

May 18, 1995 Tot: 36191 Call: 12301 Put: 23890 FT-SE Call: 3711 Put: 12863
*Underlying security price.

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The name of the game

THE doors of Smith Borkum, the New York broking company jointly established by Smith New Court of London and Davis Borkum Hare of Johannesburg, have only been open two weeks, and already there have been changes at the top. Barrie Lepley, who headed capital markets and was on SB's board, and, I understand, was London's choice to head operations, has been replaced. In comes Johannesburg's choice of Sidney Rebe as chief executive after a "change of stragetic heart". And the chairman to be will be Humphrey Borkum, son of senior Johannesburg partner Max. The two-week old stationery is being reprinted.

OVERHEARD at Broadgate ... a senior Warburg chap bemoaning its sale to Swiss Bank Corporation: "It's like selling the stately home to the butler."

Relocating

THE City of London last night released from the archives an illustrated account, written by an official in 1946, of the evacuation of London's children. *We Think You Ought To Go*, at £5, should appeal to those with a sense of history.

F words

MORE "F" suggestions for Allied Domecq's Firkin pub chain (City Diary, Wednesday): Fax & Firkin, for the electronically minded; Phewhatascorcha & Firkin, warm climates only; Foots Sack & Firkin, for South African types; Fifo & Firkin, for accountants; First Fit & Ferekin, for the Scots; and a Will Carling-type word for any pub planned for Twickenham.



"No you can't sell me a policy before you go"

A breed apart

WHILE many argue that big building societies already behave like banks, it is heartening to learn of some still sworn to the cause of mutuality. Step forward the Hon Nona Byrne, chairman of the tiny £25 million Catholic society (President: the Duke of Norfolk), who attended this week's annual building societies conference. Any of the 8,000 borrowers in arrears receives a personal visit from the lady herself or one of her directors. The result: just 42 problem cases. The redoubtable Nona also cooks the boardroom lunches which are attended by all staff. Other building societies which swear by mutuality, please note.

Mutual TV

ALMOST 1,500 satellite dishes are being fitted to Halifax branches for the launch of Halifax TV, the new station for the society's staff. Branches of the Leeds, the Halifax's fiancé, will join the system if members vote in favour of the merger on Monday. Mike Blackburn, Halifax chief executive whose telegenic qualities are already proven, will appear with other executives to relay news, such as rate changes, to staff who will be able to answer back.

COLIN CAMPBELL

The profits and losses of privatising prisons

US companies lead in the business of putting people behind bars, writes Ian Brodie



Private companies may soon manage virtually all future US federal prisons of minimum and low security

Important landmarks have been reached on opposite sides of the Atlantic in the steady but often controversial growth of private prisons. In Britain, board members of the prison service met last month to discuss who would build and operate two new prisons at Fazakerley on Merseyside and Bridgend in South Wales.

When completed, they will bring the number of privately run prisons in Britain to six. The target remains ten by 2000, as the government presses ahead with privatisation under the shadow of a report last January by Judge Stephen Tumin, Chief Inspector of Prisons, who accused the private prison at Blakenhurst in Worcestershire of failing to control its inmates adequately.

In the United States, President Clinton's 1996 budget contains an unexpected proposal to let private companies manage virtually all future federal prisons of minimum and low security.

The initiative is a dramatic departure for the US Government, which has retained control over most federal prisoners, leaving the pioneer work of privatising to state and local governments.

White House budget cutters wanted to extend the measure to medium-security prisons, but were rebuffed by Janet Reno, Attorney-General, who was worried about risks to public safety.

With Republicans eager to save money, Mr Clinton's initiative is likely to pass in spite of opposition by unionised warders, some administrators and prisoners' rights advocates who question the wisdom of surrendering the government's responsibility for enforcing criminal justice to companies seeking to turn a profit.

The companies, understandably, are delighted. By one estimate, Mr Clinton's plan could put 25,000 federal prisoners in privately run jails within five years.

Charles Thomas, America's leading expert on private prisons, also sees a potentially huge international market developing, in spite of the Blakenhurst report and the revocation of two US private-prison contracts in disputes over staffing and conditions.

In addition to Britain's four private prisons, there are now three in Australia and 60 in the US, where another 21 are under construction and several more contracts are in the pipeline. Talks about private prisons are under way in France, Belgium, the Czech Republic and Japan.

American companies predominate. Two of the five bidders for Fazakerley and Bridgend have British partners collaborating with US firms, Corrections Corporation of America and Wackenhut Corrections Corporation (the substitution of the word prisons with the blander corrections is now widespread in the US — it purportedly makes warders feel better about their work). The other bidders are British — Group 4, Securicor and Securer Care Services.

Professor Thomas, director of a prison research project at the University of Florida, says more than 50,000 inmates are now doing time under private management, including 2,000 in Britain. According to his study, prisons in private hands are built more swiftly because they are not bound by rigid government procurement rules and are usually run more cheaply without sacrificing calibre of service.

> "Prisons in private hands are built more swiftly and usually run more cheaply"

In the US, warders' wages compare favourably between private and state prisons, but the companies are not unionised and generally save money by offering less generous medical and pension benefits. Blakenhurst prison is run by UK Detention Services, a company formed by two British construction companies, Mowlem and McAlpine, with Corrections Corporation of America, the market leader. Judge Tumin's report prompted questions about the Government's decision to award contracts to US concerns.

He blamed some of Blakenhurst's problems on "a confusion of culture between the American and traditional British styles of managing prisoners". Inmates were found wandering in corridors and there was no policy to tackle extensive bullying. Compared to the standards of government prisons, the staff showed too much tolerance, said the judge, who was not convinced they were fully in control.

Assorted misgivings about private prisons are frequently expressed in the US and the debate is growing in intensity as more local governments contemplate private jails as a way to save money.

Washington State, in the Pacific Northwest, is changing its laws to allow private prisons, but Chase Riveland, the prisons director, has asked for a year's delay to conduct a study. He will try to establish if private prisons cut corners to operate more cheaply than state-run institutions.

Prisoners' rights groups argue that the industry running prisons for profit has a vested interest in keeping people locked up and could lobby for longer prison sentences simply to ensure that cells are filled to capacity.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) says that once the profit motive is introduced, decisions about releasing a prisoner for good behaviour could be based on dollars rather than constitutional issues of punishment and public safety.

The ACLU also raises questions about the use of force by private jailers and whether the press and public will have access to such institutions to guarantee that abuses are not taking place.

There are those who can see both sides of the argument. Michael Quinlan was formerly director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons and is now a consultant for Corrections Corporation of America.

Although a proponent of private prisons, he gives warning that in the rush to privatise, local and national governments need to look askance at suspiciously low bids. He said: "What concerns me about the industry is that there will be people scratching for profits rather than providing good service at cost-effective prices."

Bobbie Huskey, president of the American Correctional Association, the leading organisation for those involved in running prisons, touches on the central issue of the controversy in cautioning against handing over complete control of prisons to outsiders.

She says companies in the business for profits must be contractually bound to meet required standard and ultimate responsibility for prison policy must be retained by a government agency that is answerable to taxpayers.

The companies answer criticism by insisting that their prisons run efficiently without scrimping on essentials or impinging on prisoners' rights. Corrections Corporation of America, founded in 1983, now looks after 15,000 prisoners in 27 prisons. It was the 41st fastest-growing company traded on the New York Stock Exchange last year. But it operated on a slim margin, making a profit of $7 million on a budget of $120 million.

In its annual report to shareholders and potential investors, the corporation estimated its annual operating cost to be $14,890 per inmate, compared with $16,860 in the public sector, a 12 per cent saving.

The corporation says the stock options it offers to employees foster a sense of ownership and makes them more receptive to complaints from prisoners.

Perhaps such concerns can be overdone — Judge Tumin said food protests at Blakenhurst were pacified by conceding to unreasonable demands.

Business and industry enter the classroom

Lindsay Cook on a teaching initiative to be launched by *The Times* and business

More than 50 leading companies are joining with *The Times* to bridge the information gap between businesses, industry and schools. From September, 6,000 schools and colleges will receive education packs for use alongside their GCSE and A-level syllabuses.

The aim is not only to help up to 500,000 14 to 18-year-olds with their economics and business studies but also to add to their understanding of the business world.

The Times 100 is being sponsored by companies including ICI, British Steel, National Power, GKN, Du Pont, Reckitt & Colman, Coca-Cola, Dalgety, Bowring, RMC, Hanson, Prudential and News International, the owner of *The Times*.

The resource packs, which are being sent to all secondary schools, will contain specially prepared newspapers containing business stories from *The Times*, plus commentary and analysis. Case studies about the participating companies detailing developments in their industries and how they have tackled particular problems will be accompanied by a databank disc, which will contain further information including extracts from annual reports and statements from the chairmen and chief executives that can be accessed through personal computers.

> "Teachers want real examples of companies that are in the news"

The teaching material has been developed after consulting teachers who complained that current material on business studies was often soon out of date and contained fictitious examples of companies.

Teachers wanted real examples of companies that were in the news, operated locally or were nationally known and that their students would know from the products they and their parents buy and use.

The newspaper articles and support material will give real-life examples of problem-solving with project work for A levels and guidance for GCSE studies.

Case studies include expansion into the Chinese market, which is especially relevant currently as 150 businessmen and trade department officials conclude their trade mission to China, accompanied by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade. Other subjects to be tackled are the regeneration of a brand, the creation of a new product, the synergy between the three parts of a major food company and changes in world markets.

The newspapers will be updated throughout term-time, with eight editions during the school year, so that students can follow developments in issues facing the companies and industries featured. In the case of Chinese trade, for example, an article might detail a new contract and then later an update on whether this created new jobs or spurred the company to further research and development.

As a subject, business studies took the place of economics in many schools in the 1980s and in the past two years it has expanded rapidly with the introduction of general national vocational qualifications.

The packs have been developed by David Needham and Robert Dransfield, educational consultants who specialise in the teaching of business studies, with the sponsoring companies providing information for at least one case study about a specific aspect of their business.

Mr Needham, who is a business studies lecturer, said: "I am confident that my colleagues in the teaching profession will welcome the co-operation and collaboration between leading businesses and *The Times* which has led to this splendid initiative."

He said: "What young people today need is to be shown that the world outside school is exciting, that the business world is dynamic. The ideal situation is to move towards virtual reality, to bring industry and business into the classroom."

Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, said: "This is an important initiative for *The Times*: the greater the understanding of business amongst the young, the better the prospects for us all."

The packs will be delivered in time for the autumn term. Further information can be obtained from *The Times 100*, Business Communications Centre, Ashley House, Boston Spa, Yorkshire, LS23 6EA or by telephoning 01937 541541.

Ross Tieman examines who pays for utility investments

The bill for good connections

The villagers of Ingham, West Suffolk, should raise a cheer today for Sir Jerry Wiggin.

In spite of the outrage of Parliament over his conduct in putting down amendments to the Gas Bill in the name of a colleague, Sir Jerry has drawn more attention to the problems of caravan park owners seeking to supply their tenants with gas than his paymasters at the British Holiday and Home Parks Association can ever have imagined possible.

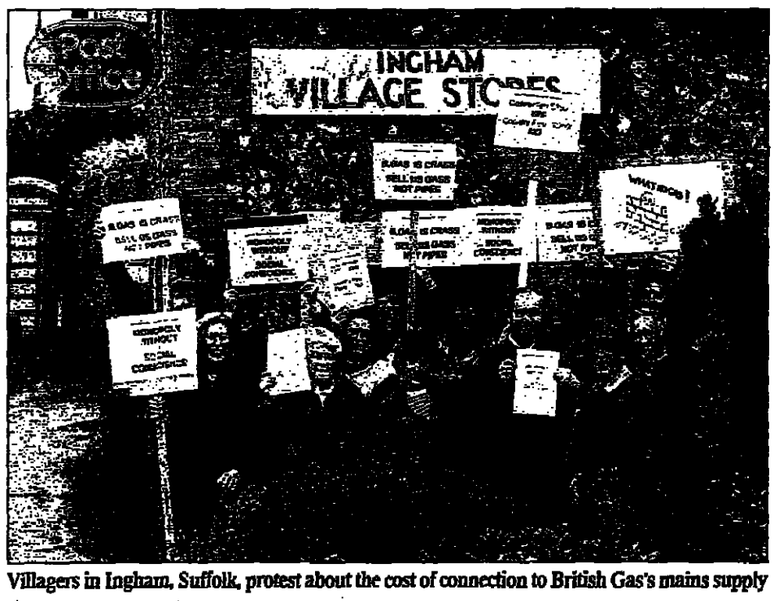
But caravan sites are just a sideshow in one of the most fundamental difficulties now emerging from the shift to a more competitive utility regime.

The nub of the problem is this: who should pay for the cost of providing a supply, be it of electricity, water, or gas, to a new customer? How should the cost of an investment necessary to establish the supply be financed, when the utility will receive revenues from the delivery of its product for decades to come?

Consider the plight of Ingham residents. Families in this modest village near Bury St Edmunds have been campaigning for years for the Gas Board, and its successor, British Gas, to provide them with a mains supply.

The nearest gas pipe used to be four miles away. Now, as British Gas has extended its pipeline network, this distance has been reduced to just two miles.

In its latest quote TransCo, the pipelines company that is being split out within British Gas under the Government's plans to introduce a competitive market in gas supply, has told villagers that it will cost £133,000 to bring gas to their homes.



Villagers in Ingham, Suffolk, protest about the cost of connection to British Gas's mains supply

Of 123 householders who responded to a TransCo survey, 121 said they wanted a supply. Before it will go ahead, the company is asking that 50 households undertake to pay £1,200 each for a connection. That is a total of £60,000, almost half the total cost. It appears that the company has adopted a policy under which its own investment must be recouped in five years.

This may make sense in terms of the competition for capital to develop other projects, although British Gas, as we all know, is not short of cash.

But the logic of using this measure of viability is deeply flawed. The benefit of connecting these houses to the gas distribution network will accrue over half a century.

Logically, therefore, TransCo should use its copper-bottomed credit rating to borrow the necessary cash over the same time period as it will depreciate the asset in its accounts — say 25 years.

TransCo should then repay the capital and interest from the revenues it earns delivering gas to them. In this way, the villagers would be spared the penalty of paying up front for an asset whose full benefit many of them may not live to enjoy.

Chris Puckey, a leading light in the Ingham Rural Community Action campaign, calls the TransCo fee "an obligatory investment in British Gas for which no shares or dividends will be issued". He is right. As Mr Puckey observes, it is more normal, in business, that "clients pay for goods and services, and investors grow companies and their plant".

Although more than 18 million households are now connected to the gas supply in Britain, there is a real danger that unless something is done, the rate of new connections will slow under the liberalised gas regime now being planned.

The Gas Bill foresees a regime under which rival companies will compete to supply households with gas through the pipelines of the monopoly transmission company, TransCo, which will receive transport fees from these shippers.

The spirit of the Bill is that transport fees will be proportionate to the cost of delivery. But to defuse a potential political problem, Clare Spottiswoode, the head of Ofgas, has pledged that no household bill will rise by more than 2 per cent as a result.

As the Ingham experience shows, this fudge seems likely to stymie investment and the extension of the gas network. Yet the failings of this policy are already amply evident in the water industry, where the Government introduced a regime that allows water company to raise bills now to finance improvements in water quality that will benefit future generations.

The statutory water companies, which were already in the private sector, had long used their bomb-proof credit rating to fund investments by borrowing.

That experience should be the guide for present practice, in gas, and other utilities. British Gas, Parliament and Ofgas should take note. The villagers of Ingham have an important message.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Use Peps to consume purchasing power and give investment capital

From Dr Maurice Gillibrand

Sir, As one who is sceptical about the effectiveness of an increase in interest rates as a cure for inflation, the letter from Peter Jackson (May 5) challenging the concept gave me particular satisfaction.

Undoubtedly, an excess of purchasing power over supply is a major cause of inflation. Although an increase in inflation rates may reduce the purchasing power of borrowers, does it not also increase that of lenders?

To me, there seems greater validity in Mr Jackson's argument that any surplus of purchasing power should be directed towards investment. Unfortunately, the word "investment" may qualify to be the most maligned word in the English language.

It certainly should not mean inflating the value of shares by gambling on the stock market. Real investment is to provide the capital for our wealth-creating businesses to expand the supply of goods and services which, in turn, reduces the inflationary pressure.

The economic survival of our nation depends on the Government creating an environment of low inflation and high investment for many years to come. To this end, may I suggest the further development of personal equity plans on the basis that they should be limited to new issues only. In such circumstances, they would not only consume purchasing power but would provide a source of capital for new investment.

Undoubtedly, companies would wish to tap this source, but to do so would need to produce convincing arguments to justify their proposals; an exercise sadly lacking when retained profits are the source of the investment.

Yours faithfully,
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Tregarth,
Bangor,
Gwynedd.

Stop-loss Lloyd's claim left outstanding

From Sir Peter Saunders

Sir, My wife, who resigned from Lloyd's in 1985, is still tied to one syndicate, and each year pays what is asked of her.

As she has a stop-loss policy (the equivalent of insurance), in theory it merely means there is a time gap between what she pays and what she is reimbursed.

Last July, she paid up as usual on the assurance of her agents that the money would be repaid shortly.

Nine months later, the money is still not forthcoming, and I should like to know how this equates with the statement reiterated by Mr David Rowland, Lloyd's Chairman, that "Lloyd's has met all valid claims and will continue to do".

Yours faithfully,
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Vosper ready to resist bid from loser in VSEL fight

BY MARTIN BARROW

VOSPER Thornycroft Holdings, the warship builder, is ready to mount a vigorous defence of its independence in the event of a takeover bid from GEC or British Aerospace.

GEC and BAe are awaiting a decision by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on whether their bids for VSEL, the maker of Trident submarines, can proceed. The City believes the loser in the VSEL tussle will subsequently train its guns on Vosper, one of Britain's last remaining independent shipbuilders.

Peter Usher, the Vosper chairman, said that the board would firmly resist a takeover bid for the company, which yesterday reported a 16 per cent rise in taxable profits to £25 million for the year to March 31.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, has been considering an MMC report into the VSEL bids since April 12 and his ruling is imminent. Mr Usher said Vosper had never been approached by either company, although regular contact was maintained on operational issues.

Vosper is part of the group, led by GEC-Marconi, bidding to be prime contractor for a new generation frigate planned by Britain, France and Italy.

Vosper's current order book is worth £500 million, providing work until the year 2001, with 60 per cent of the workload destined for export as the company continues to reduce exposure to Ministry of Defence contracts. Like VSEL, Vosper has a strong net cash position, with £107 million in the bank at the year-end.

Last July Vosper was awarded a contract to supply a further seven Sandown class minehunters for the Royal Navy over the next seven years. In spite of this order, the company said that depressed home demand for all types of warships made it imperative to maintain and develop exports. Last year group turnover rose to £248.85 million from £239.2 million.

Vosper is vying for orders in Britain, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait. A decision on three Type 23 frigates for the Royal Navy is expected by the end of the year.

Earnings improved to 52.6p a share from 46.2p. A final dividend of 14.9p a share, due August 16, makes a total of 21p, increased from 18p.

TONY WHITE



Martin Jay, managing director, flanked by Peter Usher and Chris Girling, finance chief

WORD-WATCHING

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CHIRONOMY
(a) The art or science of gesticulation or of moving the hands according to rule in oratory, pantomime and so on. From the Greek *cheiro-* a hand + *-nomos* managing. "Chironomy, or the decorous and expressive movement of the hands."

COIT
(a) An early and obsolete variant of coition, sexual intercourse, from the Latin *coitus* coming together, past participle of *coire* to go or come together. "If from the coit of these Animals Animals should be born."

CREANCE
(c) To pledge oneself to pay, to take credit, from the Old French *creancer* to promise, from the late Latin *credentiarius*. Chaucer, *Shipman's Tale*, 1386: "We may creance while we have a name,/ But goldless for to be it is no game."

CANDICANT
(c) Growing white, inclining to white, whitish, adaptation of the Latin *candicantem* present participle of *candicāre* to be whitish. "If you want me to be absolutely candicant with you, Kevin, your evening shirt would be improved greatly by being washed and ironed."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

NHL buys loan book from European bank

NATIONAL HOME LOANS, the mortgage company, has made its first corporate move since a restructuring and rights issue in February. The company has completed the acquisition of a residential mortgage loan book from an unnamed European bank for £25.7 million in cash, which includes a premium of £550,000 over book value. The portfolio of some 500 loans is dispersed throughout the UK. Most of the portfolio will be funded through a securitised facility available to Homeloans Direct, NHL's new lending subsidiary.

Jonathan Perry, chairman of NHL, said the company would pursue other opportunities to increase the size of its mortgage book.

Celsis seeks £12.6m

CELSIS INTERNATIONAL, the biotechnology company, proposes to raise £12.6 million via a share placing and open offer to fund product development and support growth in key markets. Celsis aims to develop a second generation of products, primarily contamination monitoring systems. A total of 16.49 million new shares has been conditionally placed with institutional investors at 80p each, compared with yesterday's price of 87p. Celsis also reported pre-tax losses of £5.26 million for the year to March 31 (£1.58 million loss).

Capital raises payout

CAPITAL RADIO, the commercial radio group broadcasting in London and the South East, said trading conditions in all markets continue to be buoyant. It lifted the interim dividend to 3.25p a share from 2.25p after a rise in headline profits before tax and exceptional items to £12.7 million from £8.37 million previously. There was also an exceptional £4.1 million profit on disposals last time. Earnings were 11.5p a share before exceptionals (8.1p). Capital saw a 27 per cent rise in revenue from national advertising. Shares rose 3p to 417p.

BMG edges ahead

BMG Charles Sidney, the motor distribution company formed through the merger of Bletchley Motor Group and Charles Sidney in January, said trading conditions remained challenging but the benefits of the merger were already evident. Raymond Edwards, chairman, said further savings would arise from the negotiation of new supply contracts. In the half year to February 28, group profits rose to £1.59 million before tax from £1.3 million. Earnings were 3.8p a share, compared with 3.9p, and the interim dividend is 1.3p (1.2p).

Fine Art cautious despite rise in sales

FINE Art Developments, the greeting card, stationery and educational toys company, expects trading conditions in the retail sector to remain difficult, with no significant recovery in consumer confidence (Martin Barrow writes).

In the year to the end of March, the company achieved a 2 per cent rise in profits to £38.7 million before tax from £38 million. Sales rose 7 per cent to £340 million from £317.2 million, helped by a £3.2 million contribution from acquisitions.

In the agency mail order division, Express Gifts saw sales, static in the first half, rise 5 per cent in the full year, helped by changes in sales and marketing policy, with more competitive pricing and the introduction of structured credit. Premier Educational, the educational mail order supplies business, saw turnover rise 15 per cent. In the card and paper products division, sales, excluding disposals, were 8 per cent higher and operating profits increased 2 per cent in a market described as "very difficult".

There is a final dividend of 11.8p a share, due July 6, making 15.3p for the year (14.3p), payable from earnings of 32.29p a share (32.6p).

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Set-off from mutual claims

Stein v Blake

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Ackner, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Lord Hoffmann

[Speeches May 18]

The effect of section 323 of the Insolvency Act 1986 was automatic and operated as at the date of bankruptcy both to extinguish the mutual claims of a bankrupt and his creditor, without the formal taking of an account or other procedural step, and to substitute therefor a single claim for the net balance owing after setting off the one against the other. That net balance could then be assigned by the bankrupt's trustee, notwithstanding that it had not been ascertained, like any other chose in action.

The House of Lords so held when dismissing the appeal of the defendant, David Blake, against the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Waite) (*The Times* May 13, 1993) which had allowed the appeal of the plaintiff, Allan Stein, against an order of Mr T. Morrison, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, on June 11, 1992 staying his action against the defendant as an abuse of the process of the court.

Section 323 of the 1986 Act provides:

"(1) This section applies where before the commencement of the bankruptcy there have been mutual credits, mutual debts or other mutual dealings between the bankrupt and any creditor of the bankrupt proving or claiming to prove for a bankruptcy debt.

"(2) An account shall be taken of what is due from each party to the other in respect of the mutual dealings and the sums due form one party shall be set off against the sum due from the other.

"(4) Only the balance (if any) of the account taken under subsection (2) is provable as a bankruptcy debt or, as the case may be, to be paid to the trustee as part of the bankrupt's estate."

Mr Michael Mark for Mr Stein; Mr Edward Bannister, QC and Mr Philip Hoser for Mr Blake.

LORD HOFFMANN said that Mr Stein had been adjudicated bankrupt on July 16 1990. At the time he was a legally aided plaintiff suing Mr Blake for damages for breach of contract.

Mr Stein had counterclaimed damages in the action and had an indisputable cross-claim for certain costs orders. Mr Stein's right of action against Mr Blake, if any, had vested in his trustee in bankruptcy but the latter had assigned it by deed of April 4, 1991 to Mr Stein in return for 49 per cent of the net proceeds.

Mr Stein had successfully obtained legal aid again to continue the action but Mr Blake had applied to have the proceedings dismissed on the ground that a claim subject to a set-off under section 323 of the 1986 Act could not be validly assigned.

Bankruptcy set-off and legal set-off were very different in their purpose and effect. Legal set-off did not affect the substantive rights of the parties against each other, at any rate until both causes of action had been merged in a judgment of the court. It addressed questions of procedure and cash-flow.

Bankruptcy set-off, however, affected the substantive rights of the parties by enabling the bankrupt's creditor to use his indebtedness to the bankrupt as a form of security.

Legal set-off was confined to debts which at the time when the defence of set-off was filed were due and payable and either liquidated or in sums capable of ascertainment without valuation or estimation.

Bankruptcy set-off had a much wider scope. It applied to any claim arising out of mutual credits or other mutual dealings before the bankruptcy including liabilities which at the time of the bankruptcy might have been subject to contingency.

Nevertheless, the law said that an account was to be deemed to have been taken and the sums due from one party set off against the other as at the date of the bankruptcy.

The language of section 323(2) suggested an image of the trustee and creditor sitting down together and debating how the balance between them should be calculated. But the taking of the account really meant no more than the calculation of the balance due in accordance with the principles of insolvency law.

Indeed it might have been thought from the wording of section 323(1) that the operation of the section actually depended upon the lodging of a proof. But it had long been held that that was unnecessary, see *Mersey Steel and Iron Co v Naylor Benzon & Co* ((1882) 9 QBD 648).

Once one had eliminated any need for a proof in order to activate the operation of the section, it ceased to be linked to any step in the procedure of bankruptcy or litigation. That was a sharp contrast with legal set-off, which could only be invoked by the filing of a defence in an action.

Section 323 operated at the time of bankruptcy without any step having to be taken by either of the parties. The "account" had to be taken whenever it was necessary for any purpose to ascertain the effect which the section had.

That was most clearly shown by the Australian case of *Gye v McIntyre* ((1991) 171 CLR 609) where the High Court of Australia had noted the decision in *National Westminster Bank Ltd v Halesowen Presswork and Assemblies Ltd* ([1972] AC 785) to the effect that the application of the then existing section was mandatory in the sense that it could not be excluded by prior agreement of the parties.

But the court had added that whether or not it could be so excluded, the operation of the section did not depend upon any procedural step.

Applying those principles to Mr Stein's claim against Mr Blake, the conclusion had to be that the original chose in action ceased to exist and was replaced by a claim to the net balance.

If the set-off was mandatory, self-executing and resulted, as of the bankruptcy date, in only a net balance being owing, his Lordship found it impossible to understand how the cross-claims could, as choses in action, each continue to exist. To the same effect had been the conclusion of Mr Justice Neill in *Farley v Housing and Commercial Developments Ltd* ([1984] BCLC 442) and his Lordship thought it right.

The Court of Appeal had taken the view that *Farley* was wrong and that the separate causes of action survived the bankruptcy and could be assigned subject to the "equity" of the bankruptcy set-off.

But the fallacy in that approach was exposed if the bankrupt had more than one claim: if a liquidator assigned one claim first, the assignee sued thereupon and the defendant's counterclaim was judged by the court to exceed it with the result that the claim was dismissed, the defendant would be obliged to plead and prove his counterclaim all over again against a later assignee of the second claim.

The account envisaged by section 323 would have to be taken twice, with possibly differing results, when the section plainly contemplated a single calculation.

Lord Justice Balcombe had in addition placed much weight on a dictum of Mr Justice Brett in *New Quebrada Co Ltd v Carr* ((1869) LR 4 CP 651, 653-654) who thought that section 171 of the Bankruptcy Law Consolidation Act 1849, the then equivalent of section 323, did not extinguish mutual debts.

But section 171 said only that "one debt or demand may be set against another" as opposed to "the sum due from the one party shall be set off . . .", the wording used in section 39 of the Bankruptcy Act 1869 and all its successors. It was therefore not surprising that the mandatory and self-executing nature of the set-off was not as fully apparent under the 1849 Act as it was today.

On the question whether the net balance could be assigned, Mr Mark had argued that it could not, until the balance had been quantified by the account under section 323, because the trustee had to be a party to the taking of that account.

That submission was wrong: if bankruptcy set-off was self-executing it did not require the trustee or anyone else to execute it. It was true that the trustee would not ordinarily be a party to the action between assignee and creditor and a trustee would not, as a matter of res judicata, be bound to allow a proof simply because the creditor had successfully proven a net balance in his favour.

But there was no reason why a defendant should not, with leave, join the trustee as a defendant to his counterclaim. His Lordship would therefore hold that a trustee might assign the right to the net balance like any other chose in action.

The appeal had raised, in addition to the technical questions answered, wider issues: Mr Blake had frankly admitted that his real grievance was that, despite Mr Stein's bankruptcy, he was still being pursued by Mr Stein with the benefit of legal aid, which would not have been available to the trustee.

Mr Mark had alluded to such matters as a policy reason wherefore the courts should be restrictive of the right of bankruptcy trustees or liquidators to assign claims.

But Mr Blake's complaint was that Mr Stein's bankruptcy had brought him no relief. Whether it should, seemed to his Lordship a matter for Parliament to decide.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Keith, Lord Ackner, Lord Lloyd and Lord Nicholls agreed.

Solicitors: Maislish & Co: Bray Walker.

Use of solicitors is regretted

In re B (Minors) (Local authorities: Representation)

The developing tendency of local authorities to be represented by employed solicitors rather than specialist local counsel in contested child care cases was to be regretted.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Thorpe) so stated in a reserved judgment on May 16, allowing an appeal by Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council against the refusal of Judge Owen at Manchester County Court on December 8, 1994 to grant care orders in respect of two children, aged two and one.

MR JUSTICE THORPE, giving the judgment of the court, said that at the hearing of the local authority's application for care orders the authority had been represented by a solicitor employed in the legal department.

The developing tendency of local authorities to use employed solicitors rather than specialist local counsel was to be regretted. Such staff had not the experience of contested care cases which the Bar had acquired during the years of wardship.

Furthermore, it was often difficult for them to advise the authority during the litigation with the same detachment and strength.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

AMP

NOTICE OF MEETING

Australian Mutual Provident Society
(including the London Life Fund)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the United Kingdom members of the Australian Mutual Provident Society (AMP) will be held at the Grand Hall, Wembley Conference Centre, Empire Way, Wembley HA9 0DW at 11.00 am on Wednesday 14 June 1995.

1) To discuss the report on London Life's operations for the year ended 31 December 1994 and to note the decision to close the London Life Fund to new business.
2) To discuss the report on AMP's United Kingdom operations for the year ended 31 December 1994.
3) To note that Messrs J S Sadler and C S S Lyon will retire by rotation as at 1 July 1995 as members of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life, and have indicated to the Principal Board that they are prepared to be reappointed. (See note 5)

By order of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life
C O B Meade-King
Secretary
16 May 1995

London Life	AMP
Head Office	The Pearl Centre
100 Temple Street	Lynch Wood
Bristol BS1 6EA	Peterborough PE2 6FY

Notes
1) This meeting has been convened in accordance with the scheme sanctioned by the High Court under section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 on 21 February 1989
2) Membership. Under AMP's By-laws all policyholders, including holders of policies issued by The London Life Association Limited, other than chargees, are members of AMP. Policies issued by any subsidiary of AMP, including those acquired by virtue of the London Life merger, do not confer membership. UK members comprise only persons who are members by virtue of the issue of:
a) a policy written by The London Life Association or written by AMP under the London Life Fund
b) other policies in the AMP No1 Fund which are on the UK register
Membership of AMP gives you rights under the By-laws of AMP. You may, for instance (unless you are a minor or some one other than the first named of joint holders) vote personally on a contested election of directors and personally or by proxy at general meetings of AMP.
3) UK members will be invited at the meeting to ask questions concerning the matters to be discussed, but no formal resolutions will be proposed or votes taken.
4) Copies of the report and accounts for AMP, a report on the London Life Fund and on AMP's United Kingdom operation for 1994 may be collected from the addresses stated above or will be forwarded upon application to the Secretary, 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA.
5) Members of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life are appointed by AMP's Principal Board, which considers recommendations from the United Kingdom Board. On 1 July each year two members of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life will retire by rotation.
6) Postal Voters' Roll. Members entitled to vote may place their name on the Postal Voters' Roll. On any contested election of directors to AMP's Principal Board or amendment to AMP's By-laws, these members will be sent documentation enabling them to vote by post.

COMPANY NOTICES

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NOTICE IN THE TIMES PURSUANT TO SECTION 175(2) COMPANIES ACT 1985

FIRST NORTHERN DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 175(2) of the Companies Act 1985 that:-

(a) At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above-named Company held at Albany Court, Monarch Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne on 16 May 1995 a Special Resolution ('the Resolution') was duly passed approving a payment out of the Company's capital (pursuant to Section 171 of the Companies Act 1985) in respect of the redemption by the Company of 450,000 redeemable preference shares of £1 each in the capital of the Company;

(b) The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 is £500,928.09;

(c) The Statutory Declaration and Auditors Report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 both of which are dated 16 May 1995 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Albany court, Monarch Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne; and

(d) Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following the date of the Resolution i.e. within 5 weeks of 16 May 1995 for an order prohibiting the payment.

Dated 16 May 1995.
Eversheds Ingledew Wright
Solicitors for
First Northern Developments Limited

LEGAL NOTICES

Number 1 Abtours Limited (IN LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that a First & Final dividend will be paid within a period of four months from the last date of proving. The last date for creditors to prove claims in this liquidation is 12th June 1995. Creditors of the above named Company should send their addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their debt or claims to K.D. Goodman, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF. Under Rule 11.3(2) a Liquidator is not obliged to deal with claims lodged after the date of proving. DATED THIS 16th day of May 1995. K.D. GOODMAN, Liquidator.

Neumatin Communication Systems Limited (IN LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that a first and final dividend will be paid within a period of four months from the last date of proving. The last date for creditors to prove claims in this liquidation is Friday 2nd June 1995. Creditors of the above named Company should send their addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their debt or claims to K P. Barry, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF. Under Rule 11.3(2) a Liquidator is not obliged to deal with claims lodged after the date of proving. DATED THIS 12 th Day of May 1995. K.P.Barry Liquidator.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BCI Europe PLC

Registered number	2682905
Former company name	BCI-Kofman (UK)PLC
Trading name	As above
Nature of business	Builders and contractors
Trade classification	23
Date of appointment of administrative receivers	15 May 1995
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers	National Westminister Bank PLC
Names of administrative receivers	AV Lomas AJ Barrett
Office holder nos.	7240 1095
Address	Price Waterhouse No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL

Notice of appointment of Administative Receiver
Circle Industries (UK)PLC

Registered number	01817553
Former company name	None
Trading name	As above
Nature of business	Builders and contractors
Trade classification	23
Date of appointment of administrative receivers	11 May 1995
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers	National Westminister Bank PLC
Names of administrative receivers	AV Lomas AJ Barrett
Office holder nos.	7240 1095
Address	Price Waterhouse No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL

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ANJOK 146 LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 1111945
ANJOK 164 LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 1220977
ANJOK 165 LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 386078
ANJOK FORTY LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 358976
GLAMFORD BUILDING COMPANY LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 689738
GLAMFORD HOLDINGS LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 717667
MOORGARTH DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 800649
COLWIL PROPERTIES LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 647849
COLWIL (NORTHERN) LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 451079
(ALL COMPANIES IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above companies intends to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and names and addresses to the Liquidator, Roger Smith at KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 30 June 1995, which is the last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make final distributions and that such distributions will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned.
Note: the companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full.
Dated 9 May 1995
R Smith - Liquidator

No. 002103 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CHLORIDE ELECTRONICS LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 10th May 1995 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £18,362,000 to £1,000 and the Minute approved by the High Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 11th May 1995.
Dated 19th May 1995.
FRESHFIELDS of
65 Fleet Street
London
EC4Y 1HS
Solicitors for the above-named Company

Grosvenor Rooms Limited
Registered number: 778539
Nature of business: OTHER CATERING Trade classification 80 Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s) : 12th May 1995. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers' Lloyds Bank Plc. J.J Schapira, ACA and P. Murdack, FCA. Joint Administrative Receivers, (office holder nos) 5784 and 2344) of Leonard Curtis & Co PO bOx 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 12nd Floor), London W2 6LF

CATCHBAIT LIMITED
Registered Number: 1518488
A meeting of unsecured creditors has been convened by the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above mentioned company pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the purpose of presenting to that meeting a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receiver under Section 48(1) of the said Act and for the purpose, should the creditors think fit, to establish a committee of creditors under the provisions of Section 49 of the said Act.
The meeting will be held as follows: Date: Friday 26 May 1995 Time: 11.00am
Place: The Jarvis Rivenhall Hotel, Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex CM8 3SH
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
A creditor will only be entitled to vote at the meeting if:
a) he has given to the receivers, not later than 12 o'clock noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules, and
b) there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers a proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Date 12.5.95. Peter Anthony Lawrence and Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers
9 Rickfield House, Aldermans Way, Waterside, London E14 9SN

(CSI Limited)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY on 9th June 1995 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH between 10 am and 5 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the creditors' meeting.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must (unless they are individual creditors attending in person) lodge their proxies at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH no later than 12 noon on 9th June 1995.
Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a creditor will not be entitled to vote unless his proof has been lodged and admitted for voting purposes. Whilst proofs may be lodged at any time before voting commences, creditors intending to vote at the meeting are requested to send them with their proxies. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting Dated this 15.5.1995
(M C Elmer)
Director

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CORAL ROOFING GROUP LIMITED
CORAL ROOFING WESSEX LIMITED
CORAL ROOFING CENTRAL LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at 11.00am on 5 June 1995 at Wessex House, 19 Threefield Lane, Southampton for the purpose provided for in Sections 48 and 49 of the said Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
For the purpose of voting a statement of claim must be lodged with me not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting. Any proxy intended to be used should be lodged with me prior to the meeting. Statement and proxies should be lodged at Wessex House, 19 Threefield Lane, Southampton, SO14 3QB.
MD Rollings
Joint Administrative Receiver
Dated this seventeenth day of May 1995

Case no. 001917 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BERMUDA INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (EUROPE) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 26 April 1995 confirmed the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £10,000,000 to £2,000,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 5 May 1995.
DATED THIS 19th DAY OF MAY 1995
Messrs Kingsford Stacey
14 Old Square
Lincoln's Inn
London WC2A 3UB
Tel. 0171-242-6784
Solicitors for the above named company.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CREATOLINT FABRICATIONS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 8th June 1995 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purpose mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Emmanuel Derrington FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Dated 15 day of May 1995 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD GEORGE K.SEAGO, DIRECTOR

CEMENTATION FRANCIPOLE LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 1546443
GROUNDCONSULT LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 896063
MAPLE CROSS HOLDINGS LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 447326
MAPLE CROSS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 867431
MONK CONCRETE STRUCTURES LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 887933
MONK CONSTRUCTION LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 1254964
TRAFALGAR HOUSE BUILDING LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 779929
TROLLOPE & COLLS CONSTRUCTION LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 406968
VENDUCT LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 416187
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above companies intends to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Liquidator, Roger Smith at KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 23 June 1995, which is the last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make final distributions and that such distributions will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned.
Note: the companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full.
Dated: 9 May 1995
R Smith - Liquidator

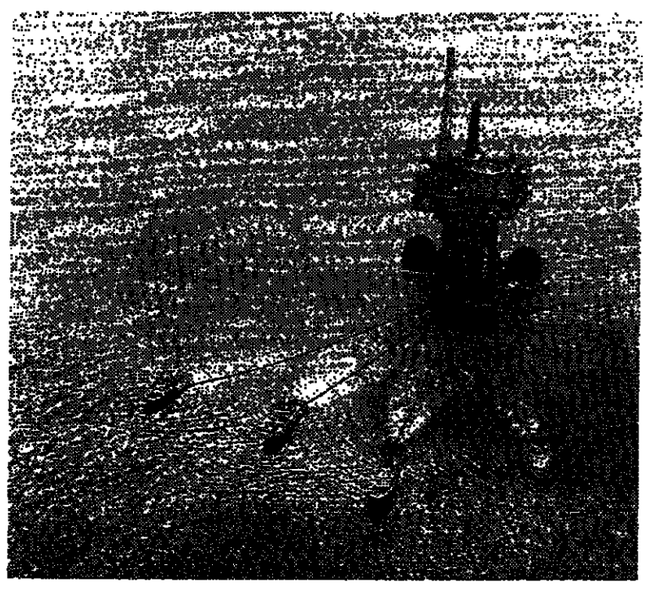
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Euro Capital Inc	139.70	149.40p	- 1.40	.65
(Accum Units)	140.90	160.30	- 1.50	.64
General	298.80	295.10	+ 0.50	2.13
Japan	116.30	124.40	- 0.50	
Recovery	143.20	153.20	- 0.40	1.85
UK Growth Dist	119.10	127.40p	- 0.10	3.02
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Exempt	976.50	£10.45t	+ 3.60	1.78
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Far East Inc	117.20	123.40		0.50
Fixed Interest	35.25	37.32t	+ 0.05	8.87
Fund Inv Tst	163.10	171.60t	+ 0.60	3.07
Japan	175.30	184.20	- 2.10	
Latin American	52.30	54.98	- 0.47	0.89
Pacific	74.92	79.12t	- 0.57	0.33
Property Share	80.61	63.63	+ 0.10	2.14
UK Emerging Cos	62.30	65.39	+ 0.11	1.89
UK Growth	44.70	47.39t	+ 0.05	2.49
Abtr World Port	72.96	74.13t	- 0.06	2.51
Ethical	62.93	66.06	- 0.01	2.67
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Balanced	695.10	742.60t	- 1.80	2.68
Accumulator	1172.66	£13.74	- 5.00	2.95
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High Income	401.60	429.30	- 0.30	3.80
Equity Income	326.20	341.80	- 0.50	3.44
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Bond Securities	33.07	34.92t	+ 0.15	6.07
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European Growth	35.43	37.75	- 0.02	0.01
International	159.10	170.00t	- 0.40	0.19
Japan	185.60	197.10t	- 1.70	0.01
Pacific	377.00	403.00	- 3.10	0.01
Spec of America	453.70	482.50	- 1.80	0.48
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Accel Value	533.20	569.90	- 0.90	2.24
Comm & Gilt	43.14	46.11	+ 0.03	5.03
Smaller Cos	169.70	181.40	+ 0.60	1.22
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Overs Earnings	356.60	380.30t	- 1.10	1.17
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Euro Smlr Cos	99.27	105.50	- 1.30	0.61
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Japan	291.90	310.10	- 7.60	
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Pacific	167.50	174.40	+ 0.50	1.30
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Exempt	73.74	78.66t	+ 0.01	4.29
Financial	75.22	80.44t	- 0.18	2.80
500.0	447.10	478.20	- 0.80	2.64
General	375.70	395.20	- 0.60	2.86
Property	245.80	257.10		5.61
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Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50t		5.47
Extra Income	118.70	125.90t		4.18
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.82	58.73t	- 0.01	8.87
Income	538.30	562.80	- 0.70	4.02
Income Builder	62.46	66.45	+ 0.07	4.83
Intl Income	63.13	67.16	- 0.25	3.60
Growth Trusts - Ut				
Capital	119.20	127.20	- 0.30	2.57
Income	127.80	136.60	- 0.20	1.54
Recovery	426.30	456.90	- 1.9	2.84
Smlr Cos Inc	44.90	48.15	+ 0.07	2.31
Special Sits	285.60	305.50	- 0.70	1.79
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	133.60	141.70t	- 0.60	0.49
Aust Acc	237.80	253.00	- 3.50	2.02
Aust Inc	146.30	156.60	- 2.40	2.02
Euro Grwth Inc	153.80	163.20	- 1.60	1.11
(Accum Units)	164.60	174.70	- 1.70	
Japan & Gen Inc	160.80	170.20	- 0.10	
(Accum Units)	162.60	172.30	- 0.10	
Japan Spec Sits	73.67	78.25	- 0.36	
Ultra Tech Inc	81.67	86.70	+ 0.13	0.04
Worldwide	168.50	178.80	- 1.0	0.95

BARING FUND MANGERS LTD
0171 214 1000

American Growth	98.35	102.10	- 0.10	
Amer Smlr Cos	134.50	143.70	+ 0.70	
Convertibles	53.29	57.56	- 0.19	5.70
Eastern	279.70	302.40	- 2.40	0.30
Equity Income	84.73	90.56t	+ 0.24	4.90
European Growth	304.60	323.10t	+ 0.50	0.60
Europe	216.70	230.70	- 2.50	0.26
General Growth	76.16	79.87	- 0.06	0.50
Global Bond	63.40	66.75	- 0.15	6.20
Global Growth	125.90	134.10	- 1.10	
Japan Growth	177.30	188.40	- 1.10	
Japan Smaller	144.80	153.50	- 1.20	
Money Trust	73.35	68.96	- 0.73	
Portfolio	139.60	139.60	- 0.10	2.10
(Accum Units)	240.20	257.20	- 1.70	2.10
UK Growth	84.92	91.17	- 0.07	2.20
Uk Smaller Cos	81.58	89.14t	+ 0.38	1.00
Select Managers	75.46	80.83	- 0.15	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 250 3000

Ind Event Pen Inc	75.86	80.72	
Special Oppor Inc	56.15	59.73	

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
0141 223 6820

Balanced Growth	107.81	114.08t	+ 0.01	1.87
(Accum Units)	122.30	129.41	+ 0.01	1.87
Smaller Cos	107.79	114.06t	+ 0.19	1.50
Higher Yield	45.33	47.97	- 0.04	4.90
American Gth Inc	74.74	79.08	- 0.13	
European Growth	137.28	145.27	- 0.01	0.26
(Accum Units)	139.98	148.13	- 0.03	0.56
Global Bond Inc	76.25	77.20t		5.98
Mngd Philio Inc	42.95	45.01	- 0.07	1.54
(Accum Units)	43.37	45.86	- 0.08	1.54
Int Spec Opps	115.95	122.70	- 0.58	
Pacific Gnth	129.63	137.18	- 1.35	
Formerly LAS				
Uk General	77.44	81.95	- 0.10	3.60
(Accum Units)	79.30	83.92	- 0.11	3.60
Japan	56.57	59.85	- 0.05	
Gilt & Fixed Int	95.38	98.84t	- 0.03	7.88

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMNT LTD
0171 480 7216

Short Dated Gilt	63.65	64.47	- 0.07	6.46

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 5060

Emrgn	157.70	167.80	+ 0.10	1.73
UK Growth	170.70	181.70	- 0.20	2.56
Uk Income	132.30	140.80p	- 0.10	4.46

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD

Can Gen Dist	189.80	201.00		1.97
-do- Income Dist	107.70	114.30p	+ 0.20	4.38
(Accum Units)	332.10	352.00	+ 0.80	4.38
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.15	42.56	+ 0.09	6.59

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 236 5685 Fax 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 226 5362

American & Gen	162.65	173.00	- 1.30	
Eurobeds Inc	79.59	84.28	- 1.05	0.64
Smaller Cos (4-1)	82.09	87.34	+ 0.01	1.38
Growth	424.60	451.80	+ 0.80	2.24
Income & Growth	411.20	437.50	+ 0.50	3.95
(Accum Units)	586.70	624.20	+ 0.70	3.95
Japan & Gen	69.15	73.33	- 0.93	
Master Portfolio	£107.61	£105.25t	- 28.00	0.45
(Accum Units)	£121.86	£126.38	- 33.00	2.45
Special Sits	98.05	104.31	+ 0.22	2.21
High Yield	£13.16	£13.57t	+ 2.00	4.47

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0788

Cazenove Portfolio	84.68	90.33	- 0.06	2.44
Acanthan Portfolio	96.16	102.55	- 0.20	1.15
European Portfolio	97.16	103.47	- 1.08	0.75
Japanese Portfolio	62.08	66.92	- 0.30	
Pacific Portfolio	138.31	149.73	- 1.44	0.95
Uk Inc & Growth	76.60	81.51	+ 0.05	3.29
Utility & Bond	53.68	54.30	- 0.05	7.12

CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG
0171 586 1815

Inv Fund	664.60	667.10	4.66
Fxd In Sec	147.90	149.60	9.73

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0171 332 5000

UK Special Sit	94.65	98.77	+ 0.12	2.89

CGF CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD
0171 588 1815

Inc	654.70	693.17		4.72
Accum	838.00	1026.54		
Fixed Int Inc	130.56	130.84		9.52
Fixed Int Acc	192.95	193.45		

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
0171 637 7667

Intl Growth	115.90	127.53	...	...
UK Income	107.04	116.16		5.11

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5555

Blackwall Intl	99.39	97.05		1.39
Bock Bio-Tech	27.35	28.99	+ 0.09	
Accum Ethical Tst	149.59	157.08		0.69
City Fin Assets	71.48	75.05t		1.88
City Fin America	92.06	96.67		
City Fin Intl	78.22	83.99t		0.88
City Fin Japan	153.51	161.18		
Finsbr Hsm Cos	279.07	301.74		1.63
Rents Hsm Inc	191.95	208.29t		4.05
Buckley Wrld Gnth	123.77	131.20		
Fahnstr Cap Gth	134.09	143.06t	+ 0.64	
Fahnstock Intl	146.20	156.47t	+ 0.70	
J Std Inc/Gth Inc	92.43	97.89	- 0.36	4.26

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Advice: 01277 227 300

Emerging Markets	95.83	99.24	+ 0.38	

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0800 373 393

American Growth	81.98	86.29	- 0.07	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.12	39.70	- 0.17	0.54
Dragon Growth	67.43	72.12	- 0.50	0.68
Equity High Inc	83.58	88.91	+ 0.15	4.04
(Accum Units)	113.24	120.47	+ 0.20	4.04
European Gwth	52.57	55.93	- 0.05	1.38
Evergreen	28.11	30.05	- 0.17	
General Equity	84.94	90.12	+ 0.26	2.81
Japan Growth	48.51	51.88	- 0.63	
Korean Securities	51.75	55.05	+ 0.04	2.77
Pref Sm Cos Inc	30.25	32.18t	+ 0.04	1.92
Property Shares	31.65	33.67	+ 0.04	1.62
Recovery Inc	25.87	27.52	+ 0.05	5.70
Special Sits	38.30	40.74	+ 0.07	2.05
UK & Overseas	49.06	52.19	- 0.21	1.39

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
01634 696 000

Capital	70.07	74.26	+ 0.18	1.59
Income	63.09	66.88	+ 0.09	4.02

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
0181 686 9818

PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds:				
Equity Inc	159.15	169.31t	+ 0.67	5.17
Fixed & Convertible	38.61	41.07t	- 0.02	7.26
Monthly Inc Plus	47.01	50.01t	+ 0.04	9.95
Preference Share	43.65	46.65t	- 0.01	8.06
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	120.72	128.45t	+ 0.24	5.33
Managed Fund	68.37	72.73t	- 0.09	3.74
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.71	40.12t	+ 0.19	2.03
(Accum Units)	43.50	46.29t	+ 0.23	2.03
UK & General	80.63	85.78t	- 0.38	5.98
(Accum Units)	102.20	108.72t	- 0.50	5.98
UK Growth	147.87	157.10t	+ 0.45	2.57
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	192.13	204.39t	- 2.63	0.21
Far Eastern Gen	126.08	134.14t	- 1.17	
Global Bond	79.01	83.97	- 0.33	6.15
Japan Growth	111.47	118.59t	- 1.36	
North Amer Grwth	174.19	185.35t	- 0.76	
Overseas Growth	76.77	81.67t	- 0.02	0.07
Worldwide Growth	65.24	70.04t	- 0.47	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.99	91.99t	+ 0.01	6.09
Homeowner Fund	79.25	84.31	- 0.02	1.79
Unitfax Fund	129.95	138.24	+ 0.46	2.54

For Confederation see Save Life of Canada

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 407 5988

Consistent UT	31.20	33.46	+ 0.14	3.22

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 358

Growth	149.40	159.00t	+ 1.00	1.58
Income	68.24	72.60	- 0.04	4.92
European	61.91	65.87	- 1.07	0.86
Recovery	162.40	172.80	- 0.20	1.82

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 9494

Equity Dist	831.40	845.40t		3.61

CREDIT SUSSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01277 680 370

Fellowship Tst	77.88	82.31	+ 0.15	0.45
Income	238.40	254.80	+ 0.50	4.57
(Accum Units)	601.60	640.00	+ 1.30	4.57
Smaller Cos	168.50	177.10	+ 0.40	0.58
(Accum Units)	303.50	216.40	+ 0.40	0.58
Pn Portfolio	80.64	85.78	- 0.08	1.40
High Inc Port	70.13	74.60	+ 0.21	4.65

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
0171 410 0177

Euro Small Cos	£16.49	£15.85	- 32.50	
Japan Small Cos	£11.41	£11.65	- 72.50	
UK Small Cos	£17.89	£18.86	+27.50	
US Small Cos	£16.89	£17.40	+36.70	

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 8819

Disc Inc	200.00	210.60t		3.04

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0131 315 2500

European Gwth	278.00	293.80t	- 4.30	1.05
New Asia	214.70	229.50	- 1.80	0.15
Japan Growth	106.20	114.00	- 0.80	
		444.70t	- 5.10	
Sth Amer	424.40	300.30t	- 1.80	0.79
Skilled Asia Pac Mkt	119.70	129.00	+ 1.40	0.36
Uk Inc & Gwth	216.40	231.80t	+ 1.30	2.88

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
01242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	143.00	152.10	- 0.30	1.76
UK High Inc Inc	150.80	160.20t	- 0.30	4.48
(Accum Units)	196.60	209.10t	- 0.30	4.48
UK Prf & Fd Inc	58.23	61.79	+ 0.04	5.07
Government Opps	86.83	92.37t	- 0.08	1.01
Uh Small Cos	32.73	35.10	+ 0.05	00

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 090 526

American	139.80	137.70	- 0.70	1.27
Commodities	20.44	21.72t	+ 0.20	6.45
Equity Income	126.80	134.70	+ 0.30	3.93
Eurofund	45.98	48.77	- 0.80	0.41
Financial	44.71	47.50	- 0.15	1.58
Growth & Inc	237.40	253.70		3.85
High Dist	153.50	163.10		4.65
International	388.70	413.00	- 2.20	0.12
Int Cap Inc	93.67	99.99	- 0.81	2.75
Latin American	29.37	31.21	+ 0.46	
Pacific	80.62	85.66	- 0.26	
Preference Share	21.40	22.74	+ 0.02	7.26
Tokyo	268.20	322.30	+ 4.40	
UK Smaller Cos	227.90	242.10	+ 0.90	1.14

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
0171 242 0242

Elton Trust	213.66	228.14	+ 6.17	0.79

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 373 7261

Endurance Fd	201.30	214.20	- 0.40	0.90

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
01296 431 480

European	81.87	86.18	- 1.23	2.00
Ethical Tst	42.10	44.32	- 0.17	1.38
Far Eastern	297.07	312.71	- 1.52	1.89
High Income	129.78	136.61t	- 0.16	4.90
Intl Growth	118.86	125.12	- 0.32	1.20
North American	116.71	122.86	- 0.11	1.29
Pacific	115.96	122.06t	- 0.35	3.42
Smaller Cos	85.34	68.78	+ 0.15	2.88
Special Sits	87.17	91.76	+ 0.24	2.64
Tst of Inv Trst	182.27	191.86	- 0.25	1.79

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 407 5988

Smaller Cos Inc	197.19	205.41t	- 0.03	1.55
Smaller Cos Acc	346.62	361.08t	- 0.06	1.55
Recovery	49.91	51.98t	+ 0.02	1.95
Recovery Acc	50.82	52.94t	+ 0.02	1.96

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
01392 412 144

Balanced	109.14	116.11t	+ 0.09	5.99
Capital Growth	82.30	88.26	- 0.06	
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.16	47.13	- 0.02	0.61
High Income	49.14	43.74t	+ 0.08	10.52
Virgin	51.16	54.34	+ 0.03	
Zero Preference	38.75	41.11	+ 0.11	

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
01273 220 707

Family Asset Tst	78.56	83.57t	- 0.05	2.82
Family Income Tst	44.40	44.40t		6.56
Family Trust	86.06	91.56t	- 0.07	1.86
United Charities	260.00	276.50	+0.200	4.25

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
Callfirst Private Clients: 0800 414 181

Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.70
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.13	27.23t		7.33
Int Bond	29.41	30.52t	- 0.14	4.80
Income Funds				
High Income	23.83	25.07t	+ 0.04	4.90
Income Plus	109.70	116.70	+ 0.30	5.79
Amer Enr Inc	49.43	52.30t	- 0.29	1.62
European Income	42.20	44.87	- 0.50	1.36
Far East Inc	84.35	88.39t	- 0.54	2.41
Global Convertible	22.22	23.71	- 0.31	3.80
UK Dis Gwth	24.64	26.20	+ 0.10	1.93
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	63.93	68.20	+ 0.18	
American	259.90	275.20	- 0.60	
Amer Spec Sits	123.00	131.30t	+ 0.30	
Japan Smaller Cos	34.98	37.32	- 0.47	
European	171.40	182.30	- 0.80	
European Opps	62.86	66.84t	- 0.67	
Global Priv	25.57	27.19	+ 0.09	0.05
Uk Growth	91.97	97.47	+ 0.26	
Growth & Inc	142.80	151.90	+ 0.50	1.94
Intl PEP	37.41	39.78	- 0.01	
Japan Spec Sits	86.47	91.96	- 1.11	
Japan	180.40	192.00	- 2.30	
Managed Intl	278.30	296.30	- 1.50	
Moneybuilder	92.93	98.78	- 0.01	
Recovery	46.39	51.46	+ 0.02	
South E Asia	155.30	165.70	- 0.80	
Smaller Cos	512.00	544.40	+ 3.00	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Access Units	109.36	109.36	+ 0.02	5.70

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 814 5700

Balanced	137.00	139.70		1.84
Inc Philio	65.48	67.21t	+ 0.17	3.29
Cap Philio	142.80	145.10	- 0.30	1.55
General Opps	121.50	123.00t		3.49
Growth Inc	30.68	31.34t	+ 0.09	1.70
Private Portfolio	417.20	425.60		1.86

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 361 010

European	119.70	126.40	- 1.50	0.33
Emrg Asian	165.80	177.30	+ 1.00	
High Income	21.12	22.65t	+ 0.02	10.02
Gener Income	92.13	97.21	- 0.34	3.23
UK Growth	108.55	116.10	+ 0.28	1.65
UK Income	106.30	113.40t	+ 0.10	3.72
US Smaller Cos	316.40	338.40	- 1.20	0.14

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
0171 407 5988

High Inc Eqty	47.93	50.40		3.25
-do- Inv Tst Inc	75.14	79.01	+ 0.14	3.51
Intl Growth	67.89	71.08t		
Investment Trust	80.66	85.36	+ 0.26	
UK Smaller Cos	88.66	88.29	+ 0.32	0.93

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
0171 374 4100

American Growth	58.45	62.48	- 0.06	
(Accum Units)	58.45	62.48	- 0.06	
Accm Smlr Cos	469.60	504.30	+ 1.80	
(Accum Units)	510.40	545.90	+ 1.90	
Capital Tst	310.60	330.30t	+ 0.70	1.61

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421

UK Growth Funds

British Growth	48.67	52.25	+ 0.09	2.47
Cash Trust	137.89	137.89t	+ 0.01	4.54
Practical Inv Inc	114.51	122.58t	+ 0.07	2.51
(Accum Units)	352.01	380.22	+ 0.22	3.23
UK Index	150.84	152.36	+ 0.24	3.33
UK Smaller Cos	125.43	134.15	+ 0.34	1.04
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.03	25.70t	+ 0.03	9.03
High Income	32.82	34.89t	+ 0.07	5.22
UK Equity Income	133.55	142.83	+ 0.07	3.44
Global Bond	28.92	29.86	- 0.10	5.02
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.92	49.11t	- 1.05	
Global Inc & Gth	130.10	138.51t	- 0.56	2.22
Gold & Intl Res	101.42	108.47	- 1.16	
Global Utilities	128.97	137.77	-

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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492	413	Abbey Ntl	477	-2	4.7	9.7
298	250	Allied Irish	291	-2	4.8	8.5
247	198	ANZ New Z	241	-2	4.8	8.7
3300	2531½	Bank America	3262½	-25	...	
230	197½	Bank Scotland†	217	-3	3.4	9.5
671	557½	Barclays	656	-7	4.0	7.1
350	288	Bk of Ireland	344	-1	4.8	..
500	418	Cater Allen	498	..	7.1	10.3
3387½	2450	Citicorp	3250	-37½	..	
270	219	Close Bros	270	+5	3.7	12.2
£158¾	£129¼	Commerzbk	£145¾	-61⅝	3.6	..
1375	993⅞	Cp Ich Kan Y	1278¾	-34⅝	0.5	..
£319¼	£285	Deutsche Bk	£295¾	-145⅝	2.4	..
881¼	612½	Espirito Santo	878¾	+3¾	9.5	..
1611	1182¼	Fuji Bank Y	1458¼	-38¼	0.4	..
490	385	Gerrard Ntl	455	..	6.6	13.1
253	185	Hambros	208	-1	9.8	12.8
812	589	HSBC†	803½	-¼	4.2	11.5
801	578	HSBC HK†	790	-1	4.3	11.3
295	228	Irish Perm†	285	..	2.6	6.8
408	363	Joseph (L)	386	..	6.1	10.6
104	85	King Shaxson	104	+3	10.8	10.3
672	523	Kleinwort Ben	668	+4	4.0	12.0
683	530	Lloyds	674	+6	4.8	11.3
592	470	Nat Aust Bk	574	-2	6.3	9.3
557	454	Nat West	545	-1	5.0	9.2
2400	2150	Ottoman Bank	2375	..	8.5	3.4
67	51	Rea Bros†	51	..	2.5	18.7
433	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	401	+2	4.5	11.3
1110	906¼	Schroders▼	1110	+20	1.5	15.8
976¾	823¼	Schroders N/V▼	928	+3	1.8	13.2
92	81	Singer & Fried†	91	-1	4.8	..
336	245	Stand Chartd	332	+1	3.0	10.2
258	217	TSB	250	-2½	4.5	10.7
105	70	Union	104	..	3.6	..
883	655	Warburg SG	767	+3	3.7	..
£113	904¾	Wells Fargo†	£112¾	-87⅝	2.6	..
257½	211	Westpac	237½	-7½	2.3	..
235	200	Wintrust	205	..	6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
172	143	Ascot Hldgs	159			
574	487	Bass	559	-7	4.7	13.8
276	238	Boddington	276	+1	4.9	14.2
177	152	Burtonwd Brw	153	..	4.2	12.8
170	137	Eldridge P 'A'	163	+1	3.1	19.8
61	51	Fosters Brewing	61	+1	4.5	15.8
370	335	Fullr Sm 'A'	368	..	2.7	15.2
483	402	Greenalls Grp	470	-1	3.6	13.4
532	468	Greene King	523	..	3.1	14.2
267	240	Hardy Hanson	254	..	4.6	12.4
160	150	Heavitree	160	..	3.5	11.4
3425	3160	Holt JT	3160	-53	2.1	..
260	219	Mansfield	259	..	2.2	15.8
312	266	Marston Thmp	297	..	2.6	14.4
465	400	Morland	465	+6	2.8	14.0
8¼	6½	Passmore†	7¼	..	4.0	18.3
391	307	Regent Inns	391	..	1.9	22.3
1881¼	1287½	SA Breweries	1812½	-30	1.9	..
564	489	Scot & New	533	-7	4.2	15.4
237	211	Vaux Group†	228	-3	5.5	12.9
533	448	Wetherspoon JD†	527	..	1.7	24.4
592	521	Whitbread†	577	-3	4.4	15.0
555	493	Wolverhamptn D	550	..	3.1	14.4
260	186	Yates Bros	245	..	1.9	19.3
465	450	Young 'A'	458	..	4.1	19.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	146	..	4.5	10.6
175	143	Allen	175	+2	4.0	16.4
78	56	Amec†	68	-1	5.5	15.6
185	133	Andrews Sykes	172			
463	412	Ashtead	463	+5	1.6	19.8
105	79	Avonside†	82	..	6.7	..
38	30	Bailey (Ben) Cont	31	..	4.2	7.6
45	36	Barcom	38			
197	158	Birsall Cnst	195	+1	4.2	13.6
153	122	Beazer Homes	153	+3	4.4	12.0
240	180	Bellway	238	-1	3.8	14.0
37	27	Belwinch	30	..	0.8	16.1
386	315	Berkeley Gp	386	+1	2.3	12.3
182	168	Best Brost	180	..	3.5	5.8
245	195	Bird (Henry)†	217	..	4.1	10.2
129	93	Brandon Hire	117	..	1.9	19.8
160	120	Br Bldg & Eng	120	..	8.3	16.5
134	105	Bryant	132½	+3½	4.8	12.6
121	98	CALA	121	..	5.1	13.8
38	29	Campbell & Arm	38			
54	49	Clarke T	54	..	9.4	13.4
24¼	10	Costain	12	+1½	..	
110	85	Countryside	95	..	5.5	12.0
81	60	Crest Nicholson	71	+2	3.5	9.9
89	69	Cussins†	85	..	5.5	7.1
25	18	Edmond Hldgs	25	..	0.8	..
295	208	Eve Group	275	-13	5.0	11.2
18½		Galliford	18½	..	6.8	
90	85	Gibbs & Dandy	88	..	4.3	..
863	828	Gleeson (MJ)†	828	..	2.2	15.8
86	68	Grant (Ernst)	68	..	10.2	18.5
215	178	Havelock Europ†	213	+1	1.8	18.2
178	138	Hewden-Stuart†	177	+2	2.3	17.1
93	73	Higgs & Hill†	84	+2	3.7	..
22	16	Howard Hldgs	16	..	6.2	12.2
15½	8¼	Jarvis	14½	+2½	..	
135	98	Kellert	121	-2	3.2	12.4
223	185	Laing (J)†	203	..	5.5	25.1
97	82	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	82½	..	8.7	..
124	115	Lon Clydeside	117	..	5.7	12.4
61	32	Lovell (YJ)	39	..	3.2	4.8
210	186	Maunders (J)	188	+3	3.7	10.3
181	136	McAlpine (A)†	187	+4	4.5	..
60	48	McCarthy & S	58	..	..	16.3
61	51	Morgan Sindall	52			
106	69	Mowlem (J)†	68¼	-¼	3.6	31.4
216	183	Persimmon	216	+4	5.5	13.8
2400	1700	Pochins	1800	+87½	2.2	12.8
126	105	Prowting†	124	..	3.8	..
53	23	Rane Ind	30	..	10.4	6.2
52	45	Secure Retire	52	+2	2.5	..
123	93	Redrow	121	..	2.8	14.2
89	49	Salld-Rect	69	+1	1.8	21.2
398	362	Shand Hldgs	364	..	2.0	15.2
112½	88	Sherrot	92	..	5.2	11.9
318	258	Spender	305	..	1.0	21.2
178	155	Tay Homes	161	..	5.2	11.6
130	114	Taylor Woodrw†	123	..	2.3	22.3
568	433	Tilbury Dougls	465	..	9.3	18.1
58½	52	Torex Hire	56	..	2.9	18.6
20	16	Try Group†	18	..	8.9	25.3
109	100	Vibroplant	100	..	4.7	17.9
116	97	Wainhomes	113	..	5.4	12.2
60	48	Ward Hldgs	51	+1	3.2	7.1
158	123	Westbury	158	+1	4.7	..
5½	3½	Wiggins	3¾			
173	124	Wilson (C)†	172	+2	3.3	12.7
355	308	Wilson Bowden†	356	+1	3.5	13.1
138	113	Wimpey G	137	+5½	5.0	16.6

BUILDING MATERIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
14	7½	Abingdon	10½	..	6.0	17.7
343	331	Alumasc	338	..	2.5	16.9
53	47	Amberley Gp	52	..	3.0	26.8
324	267½	BPB Ind	313	+1	3.4	18.1
133	122	Baggeridge Brk	132	..	3.0	12.4
36	27	Bardon†	28	-¼	8.8	16.9
71	52	Blockleys†	60	..	1.7	..
321	256	Blue Circle†	305	+1	4.8	18.8
87	72	Breedon PLC†	87	+3	6.8	12.2
136	119	Br Dredging†	121	..	5.8	14.6
403	338	CRH	396	-3	2.5	14.9
46	38	Caledonian Rbyt	43	+2	2.9	..
210	196	Cape	197	..	7.0	14.3
273	230	Caradon†	268	+1	4.4	13.7
132	114	Cawdon plc	129½	+1	7.0	..
55	23	Chelsam Gp	34	..	15.6	8.9
118	105	Dyson (J&J)	116	..	3.7	17.8
72	63	Dyson 'A'	65	..	6.7	9.8
18¾	11½	Eclipse Blinds	18½	..	..	17.0
315	274	Epwin†	314	..	3.5	17.5
62	53	Erith	54	..	5.2	..
182	160	Graham Grp†	178	+1	3.7	..
344	312	Halstead (J)†	336	+1	3.0	14.6
325	262	Hepworth†	308	-6½	6.0	14.6
85	80	Hewetson	81	..	2.3	14.1
104¼	73	Hewitt (J)	79	..	2.8	..
268	239	Heywd Wm	258	..	6.7	12.3
95	75	Ibstock†	78	..	2.4	..
325	262	Johnston†	325	..	3.8	..
108	85	Lilleshall†	90	..	6.7	10.8
139¼	118½	Marley▼	122	-2	4.8	10.9
146	123	Marshalls	146	+2	3.9	13.9
371	289	Meyer Int	350	+1	3.9	13.6
178	160	Newman Tonks†	177	..	4.8	16.6
108	76	Norcros	90	..	9.7	17.1
16	12	Phoenix Timber	16	..		
191½	143	Pilkington	182	-2	2.7	35.1
175	122	Polypipe	168	+1	1.8	17.7
1092	902	RMC Grp†	1090	..	2.6	15.9
18	8	Ramus	8			
470	406	Redland†	458	+1	4.5	14.6
118½	91¼	Rockwool▼	103	..	5.2	15.4
123	104	Rugby Group	117	+1	3.8	14.5
101	88	Russell (A)	101	..	3.1	14.9
262	222	SIG	247	..	3.0	13.7
19	11	SWP	17	..	1.5	..
180	171	Sharpe & Fisher†	172	..	3.6	..
43	36	Sprog Ransf	42	..	1.5	35.1
130	99	Tarmac†	128	+2	5.4	16.4
160	148	Travis	148	..	3.9	11.9
305	265	Travis Perkins†	304	+5	3.7	..
31	24	Tudor†	28	..	2.2	27.6
45	34	Ungroup	44	..		
48	33	Waterhouse	35			
117	83	Wickes	116	+2	2.0	5.6
400½	324	Wolseley	373	+2	3.0	13.1

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	1½	Anglo Utd	1½	..		
86	57	App Hdg	78	+8	..	
7¼	6¼	Bailey (CH)	6¼	-¼	..	
55	42	Black Arrow	52	..	7.5	8.3
84	69	Br Bloodstock	75	..	..	67.3
6	3	Card Gp	3¾			
8¾	4½	Chemex	5½	..	2.3	17.2
153	135	Cosalt	146	..	7.2	9.6
259½	215	Filofax	244	-9	1.1	21.0
43	24	Headway	28	..	3.1	21.8
320	248	Hazlelock	312	-2	2.9	15.5
168	132	Leigh	141	..	5.0	13.0
231	122	Nolo Gp	122	..	6.4	7.9
285	210	Photo-Me	240	-3	2.5	23.3
68	53	Platt & Gen	60	..	5.3	
11	7	Rodime	9			
95	73	Shanks & McEwan	94	..	2.8	..
196	160	Sinclair (Wm)	195	-1	4.6	14.5
414	241	Waste Mgt Intl	300	-3	..	10.8

CHEMICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
181	154	Albright & Wil	179	..	4.2	..
135	109	Allied Colloids	134	..	2.2	18.9
785	780	Amber Ind	783	..	3.4	15.5
£143¼	£120¾	BASF DM	£133¾	-159¾	3.3	..
795	689	BOC	780	-10	4.0	15.9
303	236	BTP	274	-2	5.0	15.5
£160¾	£141¼	Bayer DM50	£151¼	-312½	3.8	..
127	103	Blagden	137	+2		
118	101	Brent Chems	116	..	4.5	16.1
264	210	Br Vita	264	+6	3.6	17.8
52	30	Cambridge Iso	41	..		
215	184	Canning (W)†	214	..	4.4	..
474	401	Courtaulds	451	+4	4.1	30.8
387½	320	Croda†	354	+2	3.1	17.2
190	126	Doeflex†	130	..	3.5	16.2
90	58	Euro Colour	88	..	2.4	25.5
137	114	Gibbon©	114	..	6.0	10.5
145	130	Hickson†	137	..	4.6	13.1
£143¾	£123¼	Hoechst	£132½	-156¼	3.8	..
220	190	Holliday Chem	219	..	2.9	15.6
789	660	ICI	769	-6	4.5	34.3
139	97¼	Kalon	138	..	4.1	13.5
736	620	Laporte†	736	+1	3.8	16.0
85	76	MTM†	76	..	2.5	13.4
359	293	Manders†	356	..	3.9	16.8
66	39	Metrotect	48	..	9.0	6.5
485	282½	Montedison	477½	-2	4.0	22.6
363	290	Porvair	345	..	1.7	23.8
227	188	Scapa	227	..	3.3	18.4
33	16	Sutcliffe Speak	18	..	4.9	10.7
865½	695¼	Takeda Chem	787	-44	1.3	9.2
350	315	Wardle Storeys†	319	..	6.8	15.9
196	186	Wellington Hdgt	196	+2	3.5	15.0
823	726	Wolstnhlm R	823	+20	3.1	15.7
368	328	Yorks Chem	364	-1	3.0	16.3
399	336	Yule Catto†	389	..	3.0	

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
111	91	ABI Lsc	111	+1	4.6	12.8
595	535	Adam & Harvey	543	..	3.6	6.8
21	16	Alexanders	20	..	6.2	9.6
113	88	Appleyard	108	..	6.7	..
4¾	3½	Acs Br Eng	3¾	..	1.7	28.8
587	518	BSS Group	587	+5	3.9	28.7
24½	19	Bearing Power	19½	..	6.4	9.6
28	23	Bogod 'A'	25	..	3.5	10.5
400	345	Brammer	392	..	4.2	..
21	10½	Bridgend Gp	21	..	1.2	..
96	85	Bnt Fittings	85	..	4.4	..
48	28	Brown & Tawse	42			
39	33	Burndene	37	..	6.5	..
270	215	Caffyns	245	..	5.9	40.2
88	66	Central Mtr	75	..	4.6	40.0
47	35	Cook (DC)	44	..	3.3	13.5
273	220	Cowie	273	+2	4.2	11.7
143	125	Dag Motors†	140	..	6.2	12.3
598	558	Dawson Intl	558	..	1.5	13.8
454	408	Diploma	484	+13	3.6	15.7
509	472	Electrocomponts	569	+4	2.3	23.3
182	153	Electron House	175	+1	2.5	14.7
282	234	Ellis & Everard	280	..	3.5	18.6
111	87	European Mtr	104	..	5.4	11.3
401	364	Evans Halshaw†	397	+3	4.7	11.7
613	512	Farnell Electr	613	+8	1.8	..
60	48	Fife Indmar	48	..	7.8	..
24½	15	Gardens	22½	..	4.4	10.4
29½	16	Glenchewton	29½	..	..	32.5
73	61	Gowringst	66	..	4.3	12.5
73	62	Hallam Hldgst	68	..	1.8	13.0
172	148	Harris (Philip)	155	..	5.2	14.5
421	258	Henlys	420	..	2.5	19.5
99	81	Holders Tech	98	..	7.7	29.4
110	88	ISA Intl	90	-2	2.6	11.8
432	274	Inchcape†	323	-7	5.8	12.2
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	65	..	..	14.8
167	142	Kwik-Fit	159½	-1	3.5	15.5
339	277	Lex Service	334	+2	5.2	17.8
195	164	Lookers	172	..	5.5	9.5
16	14	Molnys Grpt	15	..	3.3	35.7
8¼	5	Middlesex ©	6½	+¾	1.0	..
435	333	Norbain	339	..	0.8	15.1
133	78	Normanster	139	..	1.2	36.2
155	147	PCT†	147	..	6.5	..
256	225	Pendragon	286	..	3.8	15.4
161	123	Perry Grp	147	..	6.4	..
136	136	Quick Group†	135	..	5.1	..
171	160	REHt	164	-1	3.0	19.5
3¾	2¼	Reece	3			
6½	2¼	Reece Gp	6	..	4.2	..
51½	37½	SEP Intl	48½	..	2.7	16.2
54	38	TLS Range†	52	+1	3.6	14.5
253	225	Time Products	253	+2	4.6	..
228	151	Vardy (Reg)	228	..	2.9	17.0
270	240	Wholesale Ftgs	270	+1	5.4	24.1
18½	12½	Wills Gp	13	..	4.8	7.3
74½	62½	Wichor	68	..	1.2	22.9
71	56	Wyko	70	..	1.8	26.3
87	68	Young (H)	87	..	5.2	16.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
169	149	Adwest†	168	..	5.7	14.5
333	235	Autoglass	290	-3	1.7	24.9
906¼	726¼	Boyton HB	837	-3	2.5	..
343	291	BTR†	339	+½	4.9	14.7
498	405	BAT†	486½	-½	5.6	12.3
270½	216	Berisford Intl	245	-4	0.3	64.8
98	71	Bibby (J)	95	+2	7.5	17.8
48	40½	Brierley Inv	46	-1	9.0	2.8
879	743	Charter†	868	+4	3.5	14.9
242	185	Cookson▼	241	+½	3.6	15.2
252¾	228	Hanson	239¼	-2¼	8.3	12.1
162½	136	Harrison Crsfld†	159	+4	7.1	19.1
319¼	200¼	Hutch Whamp	312	-2½	2.5	..
584¼	415¾	Jardine Math	519¾	-12¼	3.1	..
35	27	Jourdan (T)	34	..	4.7	..
170	134	Lonrho	159	+1	3.5	29.1
138	113	McLeod Russel	138	..	5.6	15.1
44	39	Porter Chadbn	39	-1	..	
544	447	Powell Duffryn	541	+8	5.8	15.2
142	123	Rugger	142	..	7.3	12.3
612	438	Rolinson	607	..	4.0	29.4
15½	10	Sabre	13	..	..	4.2
171	120	Sime Darby†	167	-2	2.7	20.5
191	164	Staveley	189	..	5.6	58.2
185	148	Smart	180	..	6.6	14.2
253	227	TI Group†	248	..	2.7	15.3
250½	214	Tomkins	241	-3	4.0	15.5
78	47	Trafalgar H	48½	-3½	2.6	..
295	295	Unidare	295	..	6.0	..
300	241	Wassall†	272	+3	1.9	..
168	162	Whitecroft	168	+1	2.8	18.4
11¼	9	Wigley	9¾	..	2.8	15.1
350	312	Williams Hldgs†	332	+1	5.1	15.8

ELECTRICITY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
650	554	East Midlands	641	-4	5.4	27.0
600	535	Eastern Grp	639	+1	4.8	14.0
655	548	London Elect	632	+1	4.9	6.7
687	621	Manweb	661	+3	5.1	7.9
687	563	Midlands Elec	636	-4	4.9	9.8
496	421½	National Power	465	+3	4.3	9.7
196	158¾	Natl Power P/P	192	-2	4.0	18.4
1138	715	Northern Elec	810	+2	5.1	8.4
397	313	Nthn Ireland	348	+3	4.3	9.5
767	611	Norweb	693	+1	4.6	8.0
542	457½	PowerGen	493½	-¼	3.8	10.7
208	179½	PowerGen (P/P)	201½	-1½	3.5	11.4
355	308	Hydro-Elect	329	-1	4.9	10.4
350	303	Scottish Power	332	-4½	5.3	9.6
484	304	Seeboard	372	-1	4.2	10.1
812	630	Sth Wales	679	-3	5.4	9.2
689	603	Sth Western	657	-1	4.8	8.7
826	546	Southern Elec	664	+1	4.6	9.5
989	599	Yorkshire Elec	683	-1	5.2	11.4

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
319	292	Acal	319	..	2.7	17.3
87¼	77½	Acorn Comp	84	..		
645	625	Admiral	645	..	1.6	19.6
220	185	Alps	220	..	2.9	17.1
214½	127½	Amstrad	214½	+6	1.5	..
41	30	Ariest	38	..	1.3	..
95	77	Astec†	94½	..	1.6	16.1
181	116	Aztec	179	..	2.1	14.5
364	287	BICC†	325	-4	4.8	16.6
250	225	Bayliss Harlex	229	..	5.4	12.3
485	430	Blick	485	..	3.0	16.3
365¾	284	Bowthorpe†	361	-2	2.8	18.2
20	17½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19¾	..	1.6	11.5
201	148	CML Micro	153	..	4.9	9.8
39	28	Chancel Hldgs	34	..	4.6	9.7
23	19	Chloride	19¼	..	1.9	53.9
75	61	Cityvisn	66	+1	5.1	..
190	105	Cabmore	185	..	3.3	..
87¼	65¼	Cray Elect	66	+¾	4.7	7.7
510	461	Critchley	510	+11	2.1	21.5
440	330	Danka Bs Syc	385	+5	0.6	..
501	421	Delta†	495	-4	3.9	17.9
565	505	Domino	547	..	2.2	16.5
72	65	Dowding Mills	69	..	4.7	22.3
1503	1465	Dock	1475	..	0.9	25.1
3303¼	2750	Electrolux 'B'	2937½	-25	3.2	5.2
34½	26	Emess†	33	..	0.4	..
4460¼	3393¾	Ericsson 'B'	4362½	-21¼	1.1	28.0
79	64	Eurocopy	74	-1	3.4	14.8
451	378	Eurotherm	449	..	1.5	23.2
445	375	Fairey Group†	443	-1	2.0	19.4
289	165	Filtronic Com	288	+6	8.3	59.8
273	195	Forward Gp	#268	..	2.6	16.5
66	40	Forward Tech†	60½	-½	4.1	9.8
323	289	GEC	319½	+½	4.3	15.8
123	103	Gestetner†	103	..	3.1	15.5
147	132	Grasby	138	..	6.8	13.0
141	110	Intl Control	120	..	5.2	10.7
17	14	Intelek	14	..	6.7	..
320	254	Kenwood App	295	..	3.9	14.6
69	50	Kode	61	..		
45	28	LPA Ind	39½	..	7.0	20.3
323	295	MTL Inst	323	..	1.8	18.3
285	254	Memec-Sw	284	..	2.0	19.9
39¼	30¼	Microvitec	39½	+1½	1.3	13.4
342	224	Mitel	342	+32	..	
69	60	Pacer Systems†	67	..	6.2	..
86	73	Peek†	85	..	5.0	15.8
2525	1883¾	Philips Lmp nrl	2406¼	+43¾	2.0	9.8
349	290	Pifco	291	..	2.0	18.8
327	270	Pifco 'A' Vtg	273	..	2.1	17.4
141	116	Plasmec†	140	..	3.6	14.5
130	95	Pressac†	128	..	2.8	20.1
29	23	Prestwick	28	+½	..	
355	243	Psion	349	-1	1.3	21.3
31	25	Quadrant Grp	27	..		
261	217	Racal Elect	257	+3	2.2	21.1
68	44	Radamec†	66	..	4.0	14.6
335	301	Renold	333	-1	1.9	19.5
238	202½	Roxboro	238	..	2.5	12.9
20½	9	Scantronic	9	-½	..	
45	38	Silvermines	41	..	3.1	10.9
66	53	Soundtracks	65	..	4.8	14.8
87	46	Stm Bus	83	..	5.6	5.5
9½	7½	TDS Circuits	8	..		
3100	2468¾	TDK	2790½	+9½	1.3	..
376	83	Tadpole Tech	116	+4	..	
86	57	Telemetrix†	84	..	1.8	11.7
94	83	TGI	91½	-½	3.7	17.1
510	342	Telspec	484	+1	1.0	32.2
251	226	Thorpe FW	246	..	1.8	16.6
163	130	TLG	161	+2	2.7	23.1
38	25	Total Systems	25	..	..	26.0
252	227	Tunstall	245	..	2.0	16.4
391	350	Unitech	376	..	2.3	18.9
9½	8	Verity	8	..	..	21.5
385	368	Volex	381	..	6.0	15.9
79	38	Wabshourne	42	-2	..	
127	122	Whessoe	123	..	2.3	..

ENGINEERING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
200	167	AIM	200	..	2.8	..
80	47½	APV†	78	-½	4.9	..
230	178	ASW	230	+6	3.3	40.7
35	27	Acro Hamble	28	..		
100	42	Alvis	86	..	1.3	..
151	133	Ash & Lacy†	149	+3	5.4	12.8
563	538	Atlas Copco	540	..	5.1	22.9
138	118	Avesbury Metal†	133	..	4.5	..
30¼	22½	Babcock	28½	+1½	..	
138	122	BBH†	134	..	6.2	17.2
94	77	Baynes (Charles)†	90	-3	2.8	19.4
39½	27½	Beaufort▼	31	..	1.0	7.3
120	110	Bellers (J)	110	-1	6.0	..
339	308	Bodycote†	333	+2	2.2	18.7
81	73	Boon Inds	74			
16	13½	Brasway	16	+½	4.1	15.1
160	137	Briton	137	-1	3.7	13.4
554	418¾	Br Aerospace▼	538	+5	2.3	20.1
177½	144	Br Steel	179½	+3¼	2.5	21.3
93	79	Bromsgrove Ind	79	..	7.2	13.3
13½	11½	Brooke Tool	12	..	1.0	27.8
49	39½	Bronel	44½	..		
187	148	Bullough	186	..	4.1	19.2
103	71	Burnfield	95	..	3.6	17.2
23	14	CI Group†	22	..	2.8	..
277	236	Carclo Eng	275	+1	4.7	16.7
178	150	Castings	174	-4	2.0	21.4
150	150	Chamberlin Hill	150	..	5.6	9.5
335	294	Chemring	334	..	3.7	15.7
182	143	Clyde Blowers	149	..	4.3	..
345	302	Cobham†	344	..	3.0	..
535	505	Cohen (A)	508	..	0.8	..
195	166	Concentric	193	+2	4.1	15.0
241	210	Cook (Wm)	217	+1	4.3	10.2
248	193	David Brown	246	..	3.8	..
94	68	Dobson Park	81	..	5.8	15.0
390	330	ES	390	..	4.2	..
102	91	Elliott (B)	101	+6	2.5	15.1
92	73	Expamet	73	-2	5.1	11.9
165½	135	FKI	162	+2	3.2	18.7
160	135	Fenner	154	..	1.6	20.9
35	10	Fescon	10	-2	..	
103	77	GB Intl	103	+4	3.6	18.8
134	117	Garton Engl	131	..	5.2	..
348	292	Glynwed†	348	+1	4.4	17.5
13½	12	Graystone†	12½	..	3.2	9.9
76	58	Haden MacLel	61	..	4.3	11.8
180	133	Hadleigh	174	..	1.8	19.8
177	135	Hall Eng	168	..	6.0	..
218	178	Halma	198	-1	1.6	21.5
57	41	Hampson Ind	41	..	6.2	7.7
36	19	Hay (Norman)	31	..		
125	110	Hill & Smith	125	+1	6.0	16.2
58	49	Hopkinsons	49½	..	3.3	..
37	28	How Grp	29	..	3.3	
94	74	Howden	85	-1	3.7	14.0
183	162	Hunting†	182	..	8.9	20.1
333	286	IMI	303	-1	4.3	18.3
48½	40½	Jenson & FB	48½	+1	..	
554	508	Johnson Matth	554	+2	2.8	20.7
35	28	Jones Stroud	28	..		
352	310	Kelsey Ind	351	..	4.6	16.4
288	265	Lincat	288	..	3.2	16.0

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
38	32	AAF Inds	32			
250	153	Airflow Strms	250	+27	3.6	..
48½	41	Armour	45½	+3	5.0	9.5
510	440	Avon Rubber	510	..	4.2	18.2
222	181	BBA†	221	+2	2.7	..
71	49½	BSG†	67½	..	5.9	18.6
13	8½	Benson Group	9¾	+¼	4.7	12.7
325	285	Bostrom†	325	+2	2.3	18.9
24	17	Boustead	17	..	7.4	..
13½	10	Cavendish†	12½	..	2.7	..
357	323	ERF	345	..	1.4	..
435	370	Flext Tech	434	..	1.5	25.0
664	543	GKN†	657	+7	4.1	28.0
3066¼	2343¾	General Mtr	2975	-50	2.6	..
1152	937¼	Honda Motor	963¾	+15½	0.5	..
375	304	Laird†	374	..	3.8	14.2
375	345	Leadus	375	..		
204	163	Lucas†	197½	-2½	4.4	..
68	53	Mayflower†	65½	..	2.0	17.0
71	59	Minstass	66	-1	..	
168	156	Sylone	163	..	3.8	18.1
173	140	T & N†	172½	+1½	4.3	..
353	324	Trinity Hldgs	353	+4	2.5	14.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
665	556	AB Food	648	+3	3.1	13.3
257	223	Acatos & Hutch	245	..	4.6	9.3
49	36	Albert Fisher†	45	..	10.4	13.3
220	198	Banks (S C)	200	..	6.1	8.3
387	333	Barr (AG)	374	..	2.6	15.5
40	15	Barrow Grp	19	..		
423	374	Bestfoods	418	+1	6.7	19.9
47½	31	Bodbrook	41	..	4.0	19.5
225	191	CPL Aromas	214	+4	1.8	20.4
485	370	Cadbury-Schw	459½	-2½	4.4	14.1
267	239	Carrs Milling†	253	-1	3.5	10.8
176	145	Cranswick	176	..	5.9	12.8
136	93	Dalepak	107	..	2.3	..
445	378¼	Dalgety†	431	-2	6.3	12.0
54	34	Daniels St	39	..	3.2	..
251	208	Dewhurst	234	-8	3.8	..
96	62	Everest	78	..	4.3	19.3
8	5½	Fardeight	8	..		
78	60	Finlay (James)	62	..	8.7	..
15	10	Glossit	14	..	4.7	..
57	43	Grand Central	43	-1	..	
458	400	Greencore	453	-1	2.9	11.9
116	91	Hazlewood Fds	100	..	8.4	6.2
194	170	Hillsdown†	181	-2	6.4	12.1
28½	22¼	Hobson†	26¼	-¼	1.9	..
85	63	JLI Group	71	..	8.5	10.0
353	330	Lloyds Pak	351	-2	5.5	..
118	96	Matthews (B)	116	+3	3.4	11.2
253	211	Nichols (JN)	225	..	3.4	14.9
221	181	Nurdin	192	-4	5.7	9.9
11	8¾	Osborne Fs	10½	..	..	20.3
230	80	Pascoe's	90	..		
71	60	Perkins Food†	70	..	7.9	9.9
133	111	SatPedect	118	..		
114	84	Seton	104	..	4.1	7.4
78	62	Sims Food	69	-1	13.6	..
451	412	Tate & Lyle†	438	-2	4.2	9.1
281	204	Tosa	272	-2	2.1	19.1
398	333	Unigate	385	+3	5.7	10.5
1237	1124	Unilever†	1192	-2	2.8	14.4
8437¼	7200	Unilever (NV)	7721¾	-81¼	3.1	11.8
368	303	Utd Biscuits†	331	-4	5.8	14.2
38	33	West Trust	36½	+½	8.6	25.6
110	83	Yorkshire Food	99	+2	4.4	14.6

HEALTHCARE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
449	280	AAH	442	..	5.1	15.5
938	770	Amersham	920	..	2.2	19.3
57	44	Anagen	48			
207	175	Assoc Nurs	178	..	1.6	10.4
333	238	Bespak	273	..	4.7	14.0
80	69	Care UK	61	..		
91	71	Celsis	87	..		
44	31	Cortecs	44	..		
279	198	Community H	248	+1	4.1	14.1
37	29	CrestaCare	29	..	2.7	14.0
133	79	Eurotrend	88	+3	2.3	11.2
89	69	Ferraris Group	77	..	3.7	10.5
166	137	Goldsborough	165	..	2.5	14.8
10	8¼	Greenacre	9¼	..	4.5	..
618	428	Huntingdon Tec	610	..	1.2	..
77	45	Intercare Gp	67	..	6.5	12.1
282	235	Isotron	252	+2	2.4	16.3
145	129	Life Sciences†	144	+1	3.8	13.3
123	85	Lon Intl	113	+1	..	
61	41	Nestor-BNA†	61	+2	6.5	..
1¼	½	Premier Health	½			
278	238	Quality Care	277	+3	2.0	13.7
166	118	Scholl	165	..	4.8	..
376	320	Seton Health	376	+1	2.3	18.2
56	32	Shield Diag	48			
175½	152	Smith & Nephw†	170½	-1½	3.9	19.5
12	7	Speciality	12			
228	185	Takare	213	..	1.3	14.7
285	234	UniChem†	280	-2	3.2	14.5
351	293	West Hlthcare	317	..	1.9	16.6

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
203	189	Airsprung	195	+2	3.1	12.6
152	125	BLP Group†	150	..	2.5	..
36	29	Bilston Batten	34			
108	59	Cowell Plc 'A'	60	..	9.0	..
170	130	Creighton Nt	131	..	7.3	9.2
166	141	Derby Group	166	..	2.3	18.0
135	130	Gastell	132	..	4.0	..
5	2	Lenehan	3			
206	160	Maybourt	203	+3	3.9	12.4
283	243	Oriflame Intl	280	-3	4.8	12.7
450	383	Osborne & Little	445	-3	2.1	13.5
450	403	Pateson Zch	418	..	4.2	12.8
420	365	Pateson Zch 'A'	379	..	4.6	11.6
664	584	Reckitt Colmn†	654	-2	3.6	57.7
291	259	Relyon	281	..	3.1	..
285	244	Royal Doulton†	269	..	3.5	14.8
215	148	Silentnight	215	+2	4.7	..
32½	28	Staddard	31	+½	6.5	11.7
210	165	Tomkinsons	188	+3	8.7	24.8
130	103	Victoria Carpet	104	..	5.4	5.9
108	94½	Walker Greenbk	101	..	4.6	16.3
60	51	Wiltshire Wrgt	57	+1	1.8	..
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	..	3.4	15.1

INSURANCE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1675	1187¼	Alex & Alex	1656¼	-18¾	4.0	..
2150	1787¼	Am Genl	2125	-25	3.7	..
92	76	Angerstein	91	-1	2.7	75.0
63	54	Archer	59	..	2.1	..
89	81	Bradstock	82	..	8.7	9.3
548	385	Britannic	548	+3	3.2	..
96	84	CLM Insce	88	..	3.0	..
597	473	Cmm Union	582	..	5.7	10.9
98	78	Delian	92	..	2.9	..
1680	1325	Dom & Gen	1420	..	2.5	15.2
188	158½	FBD E	178½	..	4.2	..
164	139	Fenchurch Grp	156	..	6.4	10.4
99	82	Factory Under	94	-1	2.6	60.6
600	499	Gen Accident†	589	+7	6.1	8.8
199	160½	GRE†	197	+4	5.2	..
92	79	HCG Lloyds†	92	..	3.9	..
249	227	Heath C E	245	..	8.1	..
219¼	203¼	Hibernian E	215¼	-¼	4.7	..
111	88	Hiscox Select	96	..	3.3	37.4
288	255	Independent†	286	..	4.2	7.9
206	178	Irish Life†	203	-2	6.6	17.8
135	116	Kiln Group	127	..	7.4	..
102	98	Kiln Capital	100½	..	5.0	..
499	414	Legal & Genl†	495	+2	5.5	21.9
1866¼	1296¼	Liberty Life	1759¼	+6¼	7.4	..
103	92	London Ins Mkt	99	..	2.5	34.5
162	142	Lloyd Thompt	154	+1	6.6	10.9
399	317	Lloyds Abbey	398	+10	6.1	13.4
352	303	Londn & Manc	339	-1	6.3	13.8
103	92	London Ins Mkt	99	..	2.5	34.5
169	144	Lowndes Lmb	165	..	5.9	10.2
5300	4787¼	Marsh McLn	5037½	-25	3.7	..
96	79	Mothercd	96	..		
181	143	Nelson Hurst	146	..	5.7	11.5
86	65	New London Cap	80	..	1.6	..
51	34	Ockham	40	..	9.4	..
110	90	Orbel	99	..	6.9	..
76	66	Premium Trust	75	..	5.2	28.9
111	85	Premium Under	105	+1	..	
337½	280	Prudential†	328	-2	5.5	15.3
36	13	PWS	18	..	2.5	..
340	241	Refuge†	335	-1	4.6	33.2
331	251	Royal†	318	+4	4.7	5.5
169	146	Sedgwick	151	-6	5.4	15.4
122	98	Steel Burrill	104	..	18.8	9.2
355	281	Sun Alliance†	345	..	5.7	19.4
90	66	Syndicate Cap	85	..	1.8	67.8
75	61	Trade Indemnity†	71	..	1.8	31.6
344	302	Transatlantic	334	+1	4.9	22.8
610	458	Utd Friendly†	580	..	4.3	14.7
170	135	Willis Corroon	160	-1	5.2	..
24	19	Windsor	21	..	3.0	7.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	333	3i	356	..	2.6	..
81	62	Abtrust Emerg	74	+½	0.3	..
80	73	Abtrust High Inct	77½	..	9.7	..
218	182	Abtrust N Dawn	214	-1	0.5	..
1899	1682	Alliance	1878	-10	3.3	..
271	239	American Trst	266	-1½	2.6	..
437	391	Anglo & O'seas	435	-1	2.1	..
151	115	Baillie Gifford SN	119	-3	..	
197¼	172	Bankers†	196	-1	2.5	..
44¼	32	Baring Em Eu	43½	-¼	0.3	..
329	300	Baring Tribune	328	..	2.6	..
91	84¼	Br Assets	89¼	..	6.2	..
91½	83	Br Empire Sect	91	-½	1.3	..
33	25	Br Empire Wts	32			
221	194	Br Inv	219	-1	2.8	..
101	74¼	Brazilian	89¼	+2¼	0.4	..
240	211	Brunner	239	..	2.9	..
132½	120½	BZW Conv	128	-½	7.6	..
415	318	Candover	411	..	3.7	..
53	34¼	Central Euro Gwth†	43	..	1.3	..
174	144	China & Eastern	173	-1	2.6	..
186	161	Contl Assets	183	-1	2.0	..
80	76	Danae Inv Inc	78	..	12.7	..
310	278	Derby Cap	310			
166	155	Derby Inc	157	..	13.4	..
66	51	Drayton Blue	66	+1	17.4	..
108	88	Dryn Eng Ind	107	-1	0.9	..
151	122	Dryn Far East	148	-1	0.6	..
694	617	Dunedin Inc G	692	-1	4.8	..
91	80	Dunedin Japan	83½	-½	..	
385	298	Dunedin Smlr	304	..	..	3.7
42	22	Dunedin Wts	40½	-½		
750	678	Dundn Wrldwd	744	-3	1.6	..
105	82¾	Edin Dragon	103¼	-1¾	..	
43½	27½	Edinburgh Inca	33	..	0.2	..
319	281	Edinburgh	318	+1½	3.7	..
162	127	EFM Japan	138	-2	..	
333	307	Electric Inv	328	+1	2.8	..
204	180	Electric Gen	202	-1	2.0	..
187	174	Eng & Caledon	187	..	2.7	..
124	108	English Scot	124			
307	273	European Asset	306	-1	2.0	..
188	147½	Fidelity Euro Val	167	..	0.2	..
83	65	Fidelity Jap Valt	71	-1	0.2	..
94	81	Fidelity Spec Val	93			
158	149	Fleming 'A'	157	..	2.5	..
78	62	First Spanish	78	..	0.4	..
296	267	Fleming Amer	291½	-2½	0.7	..
74½	51¼	Fleming Chinese	66	+1	0.9	..
35	22	Fleming Cn Wts	35	+1		
232	198	Fleming Claver†	231	..	3.1	..
319	288½	Fleming Contl	318	+1	1.3	..
158½	125	Fleming Em Mkts	148			
222	199	Fleming Entp	221	..	2.7	..
336	278¼	Fleming F East	334	-2	0.6	..
360	327	Fleming Fledg	358	..	1.0	..
105	90	Fleming Hi Inc	104	..	5.4	..
87	67	Fleming Indian	74	+1	7.5	..
45	33	Fleming In Wts	45	+½		
39	29	Fleming Intl	38	..	11.7	..
258	208	Fleming Japan	227	-1		
276	252¼	Fleming Merc	273½	-1½	3.2	..
92	72¼	Fleming Nat Res	88			
307	269	Fleming Overs	300	-5	1.8	..
141½	124	Foreign & Col	140½	-1	1.6	..
107	91	For & Col Inc Gwth	107	..	3.8	..
120½	93	Fgn Emg Mkts	115½			
73	67½	Fgn Enterprise	73	..	1.4	..
232	204½	Fgn Eurotst	232	+1	0.7	..
130	115	Fgn German	125	-1½	0.5	..
318	277	Fgn Pacific†	313	-3	1.1	..
130	120	Fgn PEP	128½	..	3.4	..
171	153	Fgn Smaller	171	..	1.5	..
107	90	Fgn US Smlr	104	-2		
24	17¼	Fulcrum Cap	19			
46	39	Fulcrum Inc	41	..	26.4	..
152	141	Fulcrum Zero	152	+½		
204	188	Gartmore Britt	203	..	4.5	..
155	127	Gartmore Euro	150	-1	0.7	..
94	84	Gartmore Shsft	93	+1	12.9	..
223	207	G'more Smb Cost	223	..	3.2	..
100	84	Geared Inc Intl	86	+2	12.0	..
158	138	Geal Cons Cap	158			
111	104	Geal Inc	110	..	18.6	..
101	85	German Inv	98	-½	0.3	..
232	192	Gov Asn Sm Cos	217	-1	8.2	..
119½	98	Gov Emg Mkts	105	..	8.3	..
152	135	Govett Am Smlr	145	-1		
85	71	Gov Glob Smlr	80			
85	70	Govett High Inc	83	..	8.4	..
381	322	Govett Oriental†	357	-2	0.4	..
254	223	Govett Strategic	252	..	3.3	..
403	361	Greenfriar	408	-1	2.1	..
19	6¾	Gresham House	8½			
244	191	GT Japan	217	-2	0.7	..
123	113	H Govett Smlr Co	123	+1½	1.1	..
134	113	Hend Highl	119	..	6.0	..
291	258	Hend Strata	290	-1	0.2	..
94	80	Herald	94	..	0.7	..
107	77	HTR Jap Smaller	81	-1	0.7	..
16	12	I&S Eal	15			
113	93	I&S UK Smlr	112	..	3.2	..
130	118	Inv Capt	129	..	5.8	..
87	78	Inl Biotech	78			
26	20	Int Wts	20			
149	122	INVESCO Korea	129			
96	82	J Fry 2nd U	91	..	8.3	..
94	82	J Fry Euro U	86	..	7.0	..
224	177	JF Fledg Jap	189	-1		
113	98	Jupiter Intl Gn	113	..	3.8	..
222	194	Kleinwort Chrt	221½	-½	2.9	..
121	96½	Kleinwort E Mkt	114			
118	110	Klnwt End	114	+1		
81½	73	Klnwt Euro Pvl	81	..	0.3	..
27½	21½	Klnwt Euro Wts	26	-¼		
88	74	Klnwt H Inc	87	-1	11.8	..
249½	213	Klnwt O'seas	245½	-1½	1.7	..
127	111	Klnwt Smlrt	127	..	2.2	..
125½	71	Latin American	107¼	+1¼		
810	718	Law Debenture	794	..	3.2	..
106	94	Lazard H Inc	95½	..	8.3	..
92	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	92	+1		
29½	26	Lloyds Sm Div	26	..	17.5	..
118	102	Lloyds Sm Pkg	118	+1	3.9	..
175	160	Lon St Lawrence†	174	..	4.5	..
88	78¼	Lon Smaller Co's	88	..	4.6	..
328	283	Lowland†	315	..	3.8	..
1387½	1125	Lydenburg	1125	..	2.0	..
615	503	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	603	-5		
135	115	M&G 2nd Dual In	130	..	25.0	..
2800	2533	M&G Dual Cap	2798	-2		
313	243	M&G Dual Inc	253			
66½	60	M&G Inc Geared	62½	..	10.0	..
30¾	28¼	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	29			
37½	34	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	34	..	18.4	..
125	116	M&G Inc Package	123	..	5.1	..
61½	54¼	M&G Inc Zero Div	61¼			
39½	27	M&G Rec Cap	28½			
61½	55½	M&G Rec Geared	57	..	8.5	..
38	28	M&G Rec Inc	28	..	16.7	..
138	127	M&G Rec Pacge	136	..	3.6	..
84½	73	M&G Rec Zero Div	84			
116	100	M Curie Euro	114	-1	0.3	..
140	119	M Curie Pacf	139	-1	0.1	..
201	182	Majedie	200	..	3.3	..
57	42	Meralda	42	-1		
274	241	Merchants†	272½	-½	5.3	..
89½	78¼	Mercury Euro Pv	86¼	-¾	0.8	..
32	23¼	Mercury Em Wt	29¾	-¼		
95	78	Mercury World	87½	..	0.9	..
31	14¾	Mercury Wld Wts	21			
540	452	Monks Inv Tst	540	..	1.6	..
145	125	Morg Gren Inc	143	-2	4.4	..
53	40½	Morg Wts	53	..		
88	48	Morg Latn Amer	67½	+1		
49	30	Morg Wts	34½			
120	104	Murray Ent▼	119	..	2.3	..
34	23	Murray Ext Wts	28			
92	73	Murray Eng Eco	85			
40	25	Murray Em Ec Wt	29¼			
61	54	Murray Euro	60	..	0.7	..
17½	10	Murray Eu Wts	13			
343	308	Murray Income	340	..	4.5	..
342	296	Murray Intl	342	..	4.6	..
169½	162½	Murray S/C DP	169½	+½		
151	126	Murray S/C Cap	150			
81	73¼	Murray S/C Inct	75	..	17.7	..
3150	2900	Murray S/C Unit	3025	..	4.4	..
460	376	Murray Small	440	..	1.2	..
361	308	Murray Vent	360	..	4.6	..
19	16	Newmarket	18			
60	53	Nthbng Inc	59	+1	10.4	..
79	61	Nthbng Cap	77	+1		
355	316	O'seas Inv Tst	354	..	1.2	..
199	156	O'seas Wts	174			
539	362	Pacific Assets	525	-14	0.3	..
445	368	Pacific Wts	427½	-13½		
95	75	Perpetual Jap	85½	-1		
236	216	Perpl UK Sm Co	236	..	1.2	..
8900	8425	Personal Assets†	8850	..	2.8	..
125	107	Pilot Inv	111	..	1.7	..
88	78	Piper Euro Sm	82			
101	87¼	Prolific Inc	100½	..	0.9	..
180	164	RIT Cap Ptnr	179	-1	1.1	..
29½	26¼	River Merc Am Cap	29½			
101	97	River Merc Am Inc	100	..	9.9	..
11	6½	River Merc Am Wts	8			
125	114	River Merc Cap	124			
96	77½	River Merc Ex Inct	94	..	10.4	..
16	9	River Merc Ex Incld	12			
83	78	River Merc Grd Inct	82	..	11.5	..
28	25½	River Merc Grd Pf	26½			
111	106	River Merc Tst Inc	110	..	10.5	..
128	112	River Merc Sm Co	127	..	4.1	..
34	20	River Merc Sm Wt	33			
417	394	Robeco	417	..	3.3	..
435	398	Rolinco	435	..	1.7	..
89	67	Schrod Jap Gwth	80½	-2		
44	25	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	38	-1		
879	635¼	Schrod Korea Fd	655¼	+2¼	0.2	..
463½	295½	Sch Korea Fd Wt	303¼	+1¼		
118½	109½	Sch Spl Zero Div	118½	+½		
31	24¼	Sch Spl Fd Cap	25			
113	101	Sch Spl Fd Inc	103	..	9.3	..
103	88	Schrod UK Gwth	102	..	1.8	..
36	28	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	35			
232	200	Scot	229½	-½	2.8	..
164½	147½	Scot American	164½	..	3.8	..
282	216	Scot Asian	281	-1		
723	555	Scot Wts	720	+7		
88½	74¼	Scot Eastern	85	+¼	2.3	..
237	206	Scot Mtge	236	-1	2.4	..
92	78¼	Scot Natl Tst	86	+¼	10.9	..
112	100	Scot Value	111	..	2.3	..
1700	1483	Second Alliance	1693	-7	3.2	..
88½	76	Secs Tst of Scott	88½	+1	4.8	..
143	124	Selective Assel	128	..	1.6	..
132	123	SHIRESCOT†	131	..	5.4	..
37	31½	Sphere Inv†	37	+½	13.1	..
336	289	St Andrew Inv	325	..	3.2	..
359	318	Temple Bar	359	..	4.9	..
106	90	Thrgmtn Asian E	103	-1½	0.6	..
48	16½	Thrgmtn Dual Cp	46			
81	68	Throgmorton	80½	+½	3.6	..
124	98	Tmpltn Emg Mkt	121½	..	0.7	..
156¼	139½	TR City Of Lont	156½	+½	4.2	..
177	158	TR Euro Growth	176	..	1.2	..
159	127	TR Far East†	157	-1	4.8	..
114	80	TR Pacific	110	-2	0.2	..
31½	27¼	TR Property	29½	+¼	3.8	..
183	171	TR Smlr Cos	182	-½	2.5	..
119	100	TR Tech Inv	119	+1	1.8	..
241	177	Turkey Trust	227	-3	1.1	..
238	217	USDC Invest	236½	..	2.4	..
107	93	Undervalued Asst	105½	+1	2.1	..
119	108	Value Inc Tst	118	-½	4.7	..
35	30¼	Warrants & Val	32½	-½		
64	56	Wigmoret	57	..	1.6	..
238	211¼	Witan	238	-1	3.2	..
99	86	Yeoman Inc	88	..	..	19.2

LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
34	25	Abads Sh H	25			
449	409	Airtours	417	..	3.6	9.1
27	17	Ald Leis	25			
152	133	Alpha Airpts	152	+2	3.9	..
47	38	Arcadian†	45	-1	2.2	..
180	111	Baldwin	168	..	3.1	11.9
235	219	Barr & Wall	222	..	6.4	9.4
280	210	Bluebird Toys†	225	..	4.4	6.3
380	333	Boosey Hwks†	360	..	2.0	20.7
3¼	2	Brent Walker	2¾			
185	150	Bristol Scotts	150	..	3.8	22.1
28½	12	Cablet Plc	16	..	8.6	8.9
255	251	Chrysalis	251			
86	70½	City Centre Rest†	85	..	2.9	17.0
348	305	Compass Gp	345	+5	2.6	17.9
285	238	Eurocamp	284	..	4.6	12.7
250	118	Euro Disney	219	+3	..	
165	93	Euro Leisure	116	..	..	
450	363¼	Fairline Boats	408	..	4.7	18.8
124	105	First Choice	120	..	4.0	31.4
299	282	First Leisure	299	+1	2.9	19.0
251½	224½	Forte†	243	..	3.9	24.9
175	143	Friendly Hotels†	147	..	4.8	..
588	476	Granada	584	..	2.1	17.4
125	108	Groupe Chez Ger	124	..	0.8	17.2
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	30	+½	6.7	..
135	86	Hornby	113	-1	5.5	21.2
189	156¼	Jarvis Hotel	188½	-¼	3.6	17.0
30¼	14¾	Kunick	28½	..	3.0	23.6
312½	264	London Clubs	309	+1	4.8	15.7
187½	161	Ladbroke†	180	+1½	4.2	..
64	41	Magnolia†	44	..	0.3	..
160	122	Mas Utd	151	+3	3.6	12.7
97¼	64¼	Mandarin Orntl	83½	..	4.2	18.3
12½	10	My Kinda Town	10	..	1.2	..
82	68	Mosnert	77	..	6.5	12.8
85	70	Pelican Gp	84	+4	1.9	17.5
152	121	PizzaExpress	151	..	1.7	18.7
111	80	Prism Leisure	80	-1	6.5	5.7
270	217	Ransomes (H)	268	..	2.1	31.2
441	358	Rank Org	431	-4	3.8	21.2
32	28	Ryan Hotels £	30½	..	5.4	..
950	905	Savoy Hotel 'A'†	913	..	1.0	..
89	76	Stakis	84½	..	2.3	19.8
384	341	Stanley Leisure	371	-10	1.9	20.4
346	280	Tamping	345	..	1.8	..
1203	997	Thorn EMI	1193	+3	3.6	21.7
169	117	Tottenham Hot	123	..	1.0	12.8
183	161	VCH	183	..	2.9	..
156	129	Vardon	154	..	1.2	21.7
6½	2¼	Wembley	2½			
135	96	Zetters Gp	115	..	10.3	9.0

MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
370	335	Abbott Mead†	364	..	2.5	23.5
310	276	Adscene	293	..	3.0	18.3
29½	22	Aegis Gp	29	..	..	11.6
7¼	2¼	Allied Radio	2¾			
13	11	BBB Design	11	..	..	30.4
280	155	Barbour Index	280	..	5.4	17.9
6¾	5	Billam	5½			
325	315	Black (A&C)†	320	..	5.5	11.3
253	174	Ebenhoim Gal	225	-1	5.7	14.1
233	196	Border TV	224	..	2.4	13.6
368	350	Bristol Evng	352	-1	4.4	35.8
290	242	B Sky B	277	-9	..	52.2
149	126	CIA Gp	149	+6	1.6	22.7
29½	22½	Caledonian Med	29½			
422	343	Capital Radio	422	+8	2.5	26.1
975	851	Carlton Comm	963	-2	2.7	17.8
90	85	City of Lon	87	..	6.3	13.3
149	83	Conrad	104	-½	..	17.3
1421½	1350	Daily Mail	1421½	..	1.4	24.1
1175	959½	Daily Mail 'A'	1175	..	1.8	19.9
405	295	Dorling Kindt	332	-7	1.1	37.1
440	385	EMAP	433	+6	2.6	23.9
730	584¼	Elsevier	693¾	-18	..	
1655	1465	Euromoney Pb	1485	-15	3.7	20.9
11½	10	Fitch	10½			
415	333	Flextech	401			
123	109¼	GWR Gp	123	+1	1.7	34.4
180	143	Gold Greenlees	166	..	3.0	20.0
26	18	Goodhead	18	..	0.3	..
320	261	Grampian†	315	..	3.5	..
202	132	HTV Group†	202	..	1.4	29.5
50	17	Harrington K	41	..	3.0	..
358	288	Haynes Pub	293	..	3.8	16.3
372	258	Hodder H'line	372	..	2.0	..
162	140	Home Counties	140	..	4.3	..
288	246	Independent	258	..	3.3	13.8
278	236	Intl Bus Commn†	278	..	2.9	13.6
135	116	Interesope	115	..	9.5	29.7
148	138	Johnston Press	147	..	1.7	18.6
21	15	Lopext	20	..	1.6	..
92	63	MAID	86			
565	538	Metal Bulletin	552	+7	2.7	25.1
126	109	Midland Indi	125	..	3.3	..
148	120	Mirror Grp†	141	..	3.1	9.8
445	344	More O'Ferrall	440	+1	3.8	20.4
353	331	News Corp	340	-8	0.4	22.4
320	287	News Intl	315	+1	0.9	6.2
35	26	Osprey Comms	27	..	0.9	19.6
619	539	Pearson†	588	+6	3.2	17.3
270	175	Photolink	260	-3	..	
606	588	Portsmth Sund	593	..	3.3	12.2
250	210	Quarto	240	..	3.3	11.5
862	712	Reed Intl†	840	-9	3.2	..
499	484	Reuters	481	+1½	2.1	23.1
259	222¼	Scot Radio	256	-2	2.8	20.2
493	393	Scot TV†	490	..	3.7	..
32	28¼	SelecTV	28½			
41	32	Shandwick	39	..	4.3	8.7
244	222	Southnews	239	..	1.8	24.0
98	20	Sterling Pub	25	..	18.2	2.4
127	120	Sunset & Vinel	125	..	4.0	10.5
38	33½	Taylor Nelson†	34½	-½	2.3	..
453	355	Telegraph	380	-59	4.3	16.3
885	725	Thomson Corp	865	-20	4.4	14.3
374	332	Trinity Intl	358	+1	3.7	14.9
830	632	Ulster TV†	830	+4	3.0	19.9
546	464	Utd Newspapst	537	..	5.4	14.1
106	88	VTR†	104	..	5.0	10.8
13½	8	WAGO	8	..	16.7	3.7
118	101	WPP	117	..	1.2	14.7
538	366	Yorkshire TV†	520	..	0.9	55.6

MINING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4625	3693¼	Ang Am Coal	4181¼	..	2.7	..
3740¾	2848¾	Ang Am	3500	-18¾	2.0	32.9
6487½	4975	Ang Am Gold	5212½	-109¼	5.1	14.1
26½	22	Anglo Pac Res	26			
1600	1271¼	Ashanti	1550	+6¼	1.0	18.3
117	93	Aston	110	+5	4.6	
245	155	Babyclub	200			
422	337¼	Bootra	399¼	+17½	4.8	21.0
34	29	Blackt	30	..	3.0	..
117½	83¼	Blyvoors	99¼	-4¼	..	
37	27	Bougainville	31			
18	10	Bracken	10¾	..	8.5	..
583¾	353¼	Buffels	387¾	-19½	13.6	..
4	1½	Bune	2½			
917	781	CRA	881	+1	3.1	21.3
56	43	Central Pacific	55			
55	41	Chief Res	52½			
120	76	Coal Inv	104	-1		
225	163	Cons Murchison	163	..	3.7	4.5
1800	1262¼	De Beers	1725	-18¾	3.0	19.5
108¼	56	Deelkraal	57½	-3	6.0	5.2
69¼	32¼	Doornfontein	46¼	+¼	..	
971¼	734¼	Driefontein	809½	-24¾	5.6	11.1
795¼	558	Durban	663¼	+2¼	..	
168¼	127¾	E Rand Gold†	152¾	+¾	13.7	..
78½	55¼	E Rand Prop	56	+½	..	
70	45	Eastern Trans	62	..	3.6	15.3
450¼	275¼	Elandsrand	279¼	+1	4.0	8.3
398	330	Eng China Clt	389	-4	5.2	19.1
979¾	647¼	FS Const	647¼	-29¾	7.2	..
62	38	FS Dev	45	..	2.7	..
2081¼	1418¾	GFSA	1712½	-37½	2.9	19.3
60	40	Gld Kalgoorli	53	+1	2.6	20.2
227¼	189¼	Gencor	204¾	-2¼	1.6	20.5
152	118	Gold Fields Prop	144	..	7.2	6.6
18¾	12¾	Grootvlei R 'A'	14½			
163¼	123¼	Grootvlei	128¼	-11½	7.0	7.1
94¼	78¼	Gwalia Cons	92	-1	1.0	11.5
619¼	493¼	Harmony	523¼	+2	..	
296¼	209	Hartebeest	212¼	+½	12.2	6.9
1575	1150	Impala Plat	1431¼	+21¾	1.8	43.8
132	83	Inilson	100	+2	12.0	9.0
1087½	606¼	Kinross	631¼	-21¼	10.4	6.4
946¼	620¼	Kloof	679¼	-25¼	5.2	6.4
124¾	79	Leslie	80	+1	13.0	4.6
288	174¼	Loraine	229¼	-8¼	..	
21	12	Meekatharra	14			
3	3	Mhangura	3			
113	79	MIM	82	+3	2.8	..
1762½	1250	Minorco	1525	+25	2.8	18.9
181	129	Monarch	135	-4		
110	90	Mountiple	110	+15	3.5	8.4
103	92	NSM	101	..	..	9.5
174	133	Nth Brkn Hill	148	-1	3.4	22.5
50	50	Orys Gold	50			
98	66	Pancontinental	98	+7		
285	123	Petaling Tin	187	-15	1.1	..
182	123	Placer Pac	148	-3		
431	317	RJB	393	..	4.0	..
833	721	RTZ†	827	+1	3.5	14.8
32	27	Rustwood	27			
725	562¼	Rand Mines	725	+100	1.0	..
727¼	321	Randfontein	371¼	+1½	12.8	4.9
240	175	Renison	190	-12		
1753¼	1265¼	Rustenburg	1375	-34¼	2.1	33.2
77	48	St Barbara	50	..	2.8	12.9
623¼	436	St Helena	543¼	-17¼	11.0	..
280	207	Sons Gwalia	265	-5	4.3	17.7
23	16	Sthern Pacific	20			
1845¼	1353¾	Southvaal	1478¾	-9¾	5.3	18.8
133	74¼	Stilfontein	97¼	+½	24.1	3.0
194	123¼	Unisel	141¼	-7¼	6.7	6.7
5800	3359¾	Vaal Reefs	3678¼	-34¾	5.9	8.1
12½	8	Wankie Col Z	12½	..	8.9	3.0
1½	¾	Water Hall	1½			
533	473	Waits Blake†	500	..	3.4	17.7
2587½	1831¼	Western Deep	1921¼	-43¾	4.5	6.9
379	302	Western Mng	346	+1	1.6	36.9
861¼	562¼	Winkelhaak	590¾	-12½	8.2	8.1
48	34	Zambia Copper	36			
53	36	Zandpan	38	..	11.4	9.8

OIL & GAS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
47	42½	Aran Energy	43¾	-¼	..	
40¼	19	Arcon Intl▲	21			
56½	41	Aus Oil & Gas	51½	-½	..	
56	47	Aviva Pet	56			
285	230	Br Borneo†	275	..	3.4	12.7
317½	280¾	British Gas†	303½	-1	6.0	33.3
471	392	Br Petroleum†	451½	-8¼	3.0	13.9
3	2½	Bula Resources	2¾			
907	815	Burmah Castrol	903	..	4.2	15.8
94	71	Cairn Energy	94	+2		
280	252	Calor Gp	268	+1	6.0	13.7
49	36	Clyde Pet	46½	..	2.7	20.8
11¼	5¼	Coplex Res	10	-1		
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1¾			
22	18½	Edin Oil & Gs	19	..	..	31.7
424	372¼	Enterprise†	411	-3	4.9	38.0
280	230	Flogas†	235	..	5.2	..
7¾	5	Fortune	7¼	+¼		
75	62	Goal Pet	74	+½	2.5	24.2
42	23	Gt Western Res	23			
178	129	Hardy O & G	176	..	0.7	22.5
56	38	Kelt Energy	50			
180	139	Lasmo	166½	-2	0.8	..
58	33	Lasmo Units	39	..	26.6	..
65	58½	Monument	64			
7¾	4½	New London	4¾			
2675	2134¾	Norsk Hydro	2593¾	+9¾	1.6	14.7
5	3	Oceanics	3¼			
48	38	Oil Search	46	+2		
38½	27¾	Pakur	36	-½		
27¾	23	Premier	27¾	+½	..	18.9
43	11	Presidio	11			
86	68	Pittencrieff Rs	84			
369	221	Ramco Egy	364	-1	0.3	..
453	355	Ranger	420	..	4.9	..
8065¼	6865¼	Royal Dtch Fl	7906¼	-48¼	4.4	15.2
4196¾	3218¾	Schlumberger	4171½	-21¾	2.3	..
49	28	Scott Pickford	34	-1	3.3	6.5
100	84	Seafield	100	+3		
774	687	Shell†	753½	-9¼	4.5	16.8
118	116	Sunrise Eng Sv	#118			
4228¼	3234¾	Total	3887½	-196¾	3.8	..
10½	8½	Villiers Grp	10			
264	221	Woodside	261	+3	1.4	..
58	33	XCL	35	-2		

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
98	75	BWD	85	..	6.2	8.2
132	126	Baltic Plc	131	..	2.9	..
78	50	Berry Bch Hbl	52	..	6.3	..
158	148	Blotec Inv	158	+1	..	
150	112	Brewin Dolphin	143	..	4.2	11.3
664	625	Caledonia	645	..	3.2	17.6
2400	2125	Camellia	2300	..	1.7	6.1
22½	16¼	Carlisle	17½	..	3.6	18.8
178	142	Cattles†	178	+1	4.0	15.7
35	23	Chmse	23	..	..	50.8
17	13½	EFG†	13½	..	4.6	7.9
79	61	EFT Group	79	..	2.8	13.4
775	707	EFM	747	-1	4.0	16.3
186	153	Exco†	167	..	4.5	9.5
84	57	First Nat Fin	83	..	2.3	53.0
185	161	Gartmore	179	..	3.8	15.0
379	256	Govett	284	-1	6.5	4.6
1148	963	Henderson Ad	1135	..	5.0	15.7
211	162½	Invescot	203½	+¼	3.8	18.4
49	43	Investment Co	45	..	4.8	14.7
231	200¼	Ivory Sime	213	+1½	4.4	16.6
249¼	196¼	Jardine Strat	228	-2¼	4.2	7.2
144	95	Johnson Fry†	102	-2	2.5	5.7
166	131	Lon Forfaiting	162	..	7.2	14.1
126	116	Lon Scot Bk	125	..	4.1	16.4
175	153	Man ED & F	172	-1	6.2	9.5
1143	953	M & G	1128	-1	3.3	19.6
272	224	MAI	267	..	3.7	13.4
106	83	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	99½	..	7.4	..
908	680	MAM	813	+10	4.1	..
130	96	Nat Home Loan	106	..	..	9.7
1500	1150	Perpetual	1383	-1	3.3	14.9
598	515	Provident	591	+2	4.3	14.5
310	245	Rathbone Brst	309	..	3.6	..
29¼	24¼	Rutland Tst	26	..	4.8	11.3
324	287	S & U	288	..	5.8	8.4
240	135	Sharelink	233	..	4.8	8.7
133	105	S/P Capest	123½	-½	3.0	8.8
490	410	Smith New Ct	459	+2	2.9	4.8
78	60	Townly Law	61	..	9.4	14.5
26	16	Two Hldgs	16	..	0.8	26.3
26	21	Western Selecta	21	..	1.5	..

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
593	425	Brit Biotech	494			
345	105	Cantab Pharms	135	+2	..	
308	233½	Celltech	304	..		
144	92½	Chiroscience	142	-1		
44	37	Cortecs	44			
191	103	Fisons†	183	..	2.9	..
749	557	Glaxo Wellcome	713	-3	4.9	16.3
124	120	Grampian Hdgt	118	..	6.1	15.1
264	162	Medeva†	238	+2	1.7	16.3
1¾		Partner Health	¾			
278	230	Ousley Care	277	+3	2.0	13.7
429	273	Scotia	406	-9		
532	444	SmKBeecham	492	+1	3.3	14.6
513	416	SmKline B Unt	471	+4	3.4	14.0
1090	650	Wellcome	1062	..	2.7	22.8
935	840	Zeneca	912	+6	3.9	20.6

PRINTING & PAPER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
133	120	AG Holdingst	128	..	5.4	12.6
444	377	API	444	..	2.7	19.1
292	219	Arjo Wiggins†	266	-4	3.4	14.0
170	162	Aspen Comst	169	..	4.0	15.1
412	347	Bemrose†	412	+1	3.9	13.6
478	387	Bowater†	475	+4	3.6	14.8
2518¼	1675	Bowater Inc	2437½	-21½	..	
303	260	Boxmore Intl▼	302	+2	1.9	15.8
555	474	Br Polythene†	555	..	3.1	14.8
40	22	Br Thornton	37	..	6.8	3.2
148	112	Bridon Grp†	147	..	2.1	18.8
201	159	Bunzl†	189	..	3.3	15.7
156	139	Caprell Inst	149	..	3.9	10.6
2468¼	2046¼	Carnaud MB	2233½	-106¼	2.4	..
282	237	Cropper (James)	238	..	1.8	12.6
1064	864	De La Rue	925	+13	2.8	16.8
80	52	Delyn Group	64	-2	3.5	..
105	93	Dolphin Packt	105	..	5.4	..
92	81	Fairway Group	88	..	5.1	14.3
345	295	Ferguson Intl	345	+6	5.7	..
125	102	Ferry Pick	123	..	5.9	12.0
167	138	Inveresk	166	..	4.2	15.2
295	245	Jarvis Porter	268	..	2.5	17.5
482	381	Low & Bonar	480	..	3.0	16.0
54	50	MY Holdingst	51	..	4.2	12.4
283	229	Macfarlane†	275	..	2.1	20.1
180	150	Photobition	180	..	4.2	13.1
221	183	Plysu	220	..	4.0	21.1
369	324	St Ives Grp†	369	+10	2.4	20.0
1329¼	978	Sappi	1303	-10¾	0.4	..
9½	6¼	Seel	7½			
285	139	Sidlaw	145	-1	9.8	10.2
590	490	Smith David	578	..	2.6	17.6
405	355	Smurfit (Jeff)†	353	..	2.0	..
99	82	Somic	92	..	3.7	9.8
40	31	Unit Group	35			
253	213	Wace†	236	..	2.8	11.3
216	187	Waddington (J)	190½	..	5.7	62.1
414	350	Warmough	399	+2	2.4	..
150	136	Wyndeham	150	..	2.4	19.1

PROPERTY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	71	Allied Lont	72	+1	6.7	8.6
271	255	Argent	270			
77	67	Arlesian Ests	67			
118	103	Asda Prop	118	..	2.5	36.3
252	211	Billport	243	..	5.1	17.4
215	176	Bdley	177	..	4.8	15.4
24	7	Bolton Grp▲	22			
73	48	Bourne End	57	..	2.4	..
196	171	Bradford	176	..	4.8	14.8
123	113	Brighthone	115	..	4.0	53.8
389	354	Br Land	386	..	2.5	36.6
187	164	Buxton†	184	..	5.7	17.3
110½	81	Burford	107	..	2.0	28.4
101	87	CLS Hldgst	98	..	4.3	13.4
150	131	Cap & Regnl†	150	+2	1.8	..
212	187	Cap Shop Cts	211	..	4.1	25.2
228	158	Cardiff Prop	158	..	2.1	26.1
29½	18	Carey Ind	18¼			
189	143	Chelsfield†	189	..	1.8	36.8
453	433	Chesterfield	450	..	3.7	..
88	62	Chesterton Ind	64½	+½	6.4	10.9
53	45	City Site Ests	48	..	11.2	..
8	5	Clarke Nickolls	7	..	3.6	10.5
77½	50	Compco	70	..	7.1	6.2
29	19	Con Rlbial	22	..	3.7	25.8
1195	1180	Daejan	1185	..	3.1	12.2
7	3½	Dares Estates	4			
5½	5¼	De Morgan	#5½			
95	61	Debenham Tewn	74	..	5.9	11.7
163	148	Dencora	148	..	3.2	..
281	225	Derwent Hldgst	278	-1	2.2	14.5
19½	13	Development Sect	14½	..	2.1	..
45	36	Duyer	36	..	2.6	17.0
28	25	Elecco	27			
370	250	Estates Agency	380	..	4.7	..
23½	16	Estates Gen	16½			
112	82	Evans Of Leeds	101	..	3.2	16.9
25	19½	Ex-Lands	20½	-½	2.6	28.1
69	64	Fiscal Prop†	64	-1	3.7	59.7
25	23½	Five Oaks	24	..	3.1	10.1
32	19	Fletcher King	21	..	8.9	10.4
47	41	Follies Group†	42	..	4.7	..
45	34	Follies Group nrl	41	..	4.8	..
461	405	Frogmore	457	..	4.7	17.5
280	236	Grainger	260	..	2.8	14.3
183	164	Gt Portland	179	-1	5.7	30.6
139	117½	Greycoat	138	..	0.5	..
39	22	Hampton Cotywt	34	-1	0.2	..
347	310	Hammerson†	332	-1	3.8	23.2
319	300	Helical Bar†	315	..	2.6	..
28½	22¼	Heningway	26½	..	1.9	20.8
21	7	Herring Baker	13			
33	31	High-Point	38			
141½	109	HK Land	129¼	-8¼	5.7	..
160	153	Jermyn	154	..	0.4	..
607	545	Land Sec	592	+5	5.1	16.9
326	305	London Ind	305	..	4.1	16.7
37	30	Lon & Assoct	34	..	2.5	17.8
9	5¼	Lon & Metro	6	..	..	0.2
95	86	Lon Merch Sec	95	+5	5.5	15.7
407	365	MEPC	384	-1	6.5	22.4
7½	5¼	McInerney A	6¾			
165	130	McKay Secs	130	..	5.0	12.4
86	48	Mentgate Mle	64	..	6.3	7.7
32	25	Moorfield Est	26	..	4.8	12.2
1125	850	Mountview	925	..	3.0	7.1
148	124	Muckow (A&J)†	135	+2	5.9	17.6
1	½	ORB	¾	-¼	..	1.0
32	23	Olives Prop†	25	-1	1.5	..
143	126	PSIT	127	..	4.8	17.0
249	204	Peel	214	+2	2.9	28.9
173	145	Pillar Prop	171	..	2.7	..
2¾	1¼	Powa Corp	2½			
6½	4¾	Premier Land	4¾	..	..	16.6
86	70	RPS Group	83	-1	4.4	11.6
34	23	Raglan	28	..	4.6	..
38	19¼	Regalian	19½	..	..	4.8
155	100	Rowlinson Secs	128	..	1.8	9.1
101	96	Rugby Est†	98	..	2.8	..
50	40	St Modwen Prp	49	..	4.1	8.8
65	54	Saville Grdn (J)	56	..	6.4	13.1
68	43	Savills	60	-3	4.7	9.7
76½	67	Scot Met	76½	+3½	4.1	13.2
90	85	Shaftesbury	89	+1	2.1	19.3
238	208	Slough Estates†	216	+2	4.7	24.2
210	185	Smart (J)	195	..	5.4	20.5
55	41	Southend Prop	41	..	7.4	..
110	103	Specty Shops	106	..	1.5	..
42¼	36	TBI	40	..	..	1.9
167	162	Tops Ests	162	..	1.7	41.3
100	94	Town Centre	98	..	3.9	17.5
89	79	Trafford Park	88	..	4.5	14.4
23	18	Trenchermoul	18	..	..	7.1
48	39	UK Land	44			
317	182	Warner	188	..	7.2	19.3
290	225	Warnford	230	..	4.2	19.0
74	63	Vitatec	68			
35	25	Whitney Mck	25			
68	43	Wood John D	45	..	5.8	9.7
19	2	YRM	10	+1½	..	

RETAILERS, FOOD

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
82¼	64½	ASDA Group	81½	+¼	2.8	18.7
305	254¼	Argyll	302	-1	4.9	12.9
582	455	Bate Bros	580	+1	1.6	19.3
37	23	Budgen	30	..	4.2	18.2
14½	11¼	Cullens	14½			
82¼	58¼	Dairy Farm Intl	64	-2¼	6.0	9.3
355	343	Farepak	350	..	2.5	18.1
55	38	Fitzwilton	45	..	6.4	19.0
110	98	Fyffes	107	..	1.8	15.3
199	154	Geest†	168	-1	6.0	13.3
1168	1048	Greggs†	1138	..	2.5	15.9
189	142	Iceland Groupt	186	+4	2.8	11.2
611	519	Kwik Save†	585	-3	4.2	10.6
16½	10	Merchant Retail	16	+½	..	
147	132	Morrison (W)†	143	-2	1.0	14.4
191	126	Nurdin Peacck†	138	..	4.6	..
128	99	Park Foods	115	..	2.8	22.1
3	1½	Regina Hlth	1½			
447	403½	Sainsbury J	440	-4	3.4	14.5
281	238	Tesco†	271	+1	4.0	13.3
175	142	Thorntons	165	..	3.8	13.5
413	358	Watson& Philip	413	..	4.6	14.8

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
32	21	Alexon	26			
244	205	Alldays	244	+3	3.4	13.8
434	324	Argos Plc	434	+2	3.0	19.5
88	63	Ashley (Laura)	83			
140	65	Asprey	81	..	8.3	8.7
225	205	Austin Reed†	212	..	3.5	12.2
146	123	Beattie (J) 'A'†	141	..	5.7	15.8
122	111	Bentalls†	112	..	5.4	11.5
52	38¼	Bettsburm	41½	..	7.8	..
38	30	Blacks Leis	38	..	7.4	..
194	135	Body Shop	140	+5	2.2	..
545	465	Boots	539	+2	3.8	17.2
240	80	Brown & Jackson	139	+1		
239	205	Brown (N)†	235	..	2.7	..
86¼	65	Burton	85	+5½	3.0	41.4
150	92	Caters	98	+4	5.1	14.0
278	235	Carpetright	268	+5	3.8	19.0
178	132	Christies Intl	167	..	1.6	28.4
480	450	Church	455	..	3.8	19.0
96	67	Clinton Cards†	85	..	6.9	8.3
110	84	C'ty Casuals†	107	..	5.0	..
813	783	Coats Fmish	770	..	1.0	39.2
197	183	Crown Eye	193	..	6.5	8.1
291	238	DFS Furniture†	290	..	3.3	21.8
248	186	Dixons Grp	240	+2	3.5	25.5
580	580	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	..	4.0	25.3
18	7	ERA Gp	7½	..	..	11.7
161	98	Essex Furn	118	-1	4.9	13.1
236	170	Etam	217	..	4.6	17.2
390	320	Fine Art Dev	389	+3	5.1	..
66	37	Fired Earth	46	..	..	21.3
114	81	Flying Flowers	110	+5	2.1	14.4
295	255	French Conn	291	..	..	12.3
275	207	Frost Groupt	260	..	2.8	22.5
58	46	Gieves	57	+6	3.9	..
140	112	Goldsmiths Grp	139	+2	2.7	12.6
609	504	GUS	599	-4	2.8	17.2
216	179	Hamleyst	215	..	4.1	10.2
56	35	Hampden Grpt	53	..	2.8	14.3
175	142	Hse of Fraser†	162	-1	4.2	20.9
83	80	Hughes (TJ)	80	..	4.0	73.1
308	229	JJB Sports†	297	+1	2.5	..
488	379	Kingfisher†	475	..	4.0	15.1
150	95	Kosmere	150	..	1.2	42.7
315	209	Liberty†	243	..	3.7	28.3
306	184	Lloyds Chem†	219	-2	5.5	7.1
134	108	MFI	130	-2	4.0	16.3
436½	371	Marks Spencer	426	-8	3.8	18.9
540	500	Menzies (John)	539	..	2.9	12.7
437	338	Moss Bros†	437	+7	5.4	..
329½	252	Next†	329½	+7½	3.4	17.2
47	37	OEM	47	+4	..	
96	89	Owen (G)†	92	..	1.4	14.4
93	76	Partridge Fine	76	..	5.4	8.5
155	107	QS Hldgst	132	..	4.9	15.5
19	7	Rhino Grp	15	-½		
131	113	Rowshie	122	..	5.0	13.4
113½	96	Sears	109½	-1	4.5	15.9
24	13¾	Signet Group	13¾			
484	401	Smith WH	416	-2	4.7	21.4
888	638	Sotheby†	840	-20	3.2	39.1
260	203	Storehouse	244	+1	2.9	20.0
206	168	Stylo	189	..	4.8	10.6
173	143	T & S Stores†	172	+4	4.7	..
125	98	Tie Rack	125	..	2.3	13.1
4½	1¼	Upton & Sout	1¾			
502	424	Vendome	486	+3	2.4	22.2
35	24	WEW Group	31	..	2.9	25.9
67	57	Wld of Leather†	58	..	3.2	12.4
181	155	Wyevale	180	-1	3.4	17.3

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
562	481	Allied Domecq	533	+2	5.7	12.2
437	390	Bulmer (HP)	427	+2	3.2	23.1
121	99	Burn Stewart	106	..	5.9	21.8
410	352	Grand Met	390	-5	4.6	17.3
480	404	Guinness	470	-3	3.7	14.8
445	337	Highland Dstl†	358	..	2.6	16.2
217	175	Macallan-Glen	183	..	0.9	44.4
710	600	Macdn Mtn 'A'	675	..	1.8	39.0
612	532	Matthew Clark	611	+2	3.8	28.0
88	51	Merrydown W	81	..	3.9	..
174	129	Taunton Cider	171	..	4.9	13.3

SUPPORT SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
110	73	ACT Group	110	..	6.0	11.5
743	620	ADT	730	-8	..	27.5
41	34	Alphameric	36			
74	43	Asta Sec	50	-1		
128	101½	BET Ord	117	-2	3.7	16.7
178	143	BNB Rest	157	..	4.4	..
268	220	BPP	266	+1	4.5	17.5
166	131	BSM	163	..	4.9	12.7
5¼		Black & Edg	4¾			
775	500	Borland	775	+87¼	..	
215	105	Bnt Data Mgt	133	..	5.1	9.4
67	59	Brooks Service†	64	..	4.4	..
98	75	CRT Grp	97	..	4.3	25.8
188	138	Capita Group	187	+1	2.2	19.2
333	277½	Chubb Sec	326	-6	2.5	19.0
283	223	Cooper Peoplet	263	+2	1.4	..
86	61	Corp Services†	81	..	3.1	12.8
61	48	Coullis Co	60	..	3.1	..
244	204	Davis Service†	244	..	4.4	14.9
75	68	Dudley Jenkins	67	..	6.2	12.7
94	38	EW Fact	38	-3	16.2	5.3
143	136	El Data Pic	138	-1	1.8	13.5
316	280	Hays†	314	+1	2.5	18.8
190	145	Hogg Robinsn	181	..	5.0	11.6
1993¼	1626¼	ISS B DKr	1965¾	-15¼	1.3	18.1
168	152	JBA Hldgst	166	..	2.5	..
258	227	Johnson Clean	258	+3	5.2	..
111	88	Kalamazoo	98	..	4.4	11.1
308	239	Kewill Sys	300	-6	3.1	11.0
19	15	Laser-Scan	15			
189	77	LBMS	189			
5	2	Lep	3			
370	301	Logica	370	+7	1.8	19.9
107	69¼	MDIS	94	..	8.3	20.6
308	184	MMT Comp	193	-2	3.6	13.5
128	78	MR Data Mngt	92	-1	7.5	11.4
443	388	Macro 4	443	..	5.8	12.5
2140¼	1634¾	Manpower	1871¼	-40¼	0.2	..
840	676	Micro Focus	705	..	..	22.0
129	102	Microgen	129	..	7.0	14.0
423	305	Misys	356	..	3.0	17.1
227	197	MITIE Gp	227	..	1.4	23.1
28	22	Nova Group	22½	..	1.1	8.6
25	17	OIS Intl	20	-1	3.8	..
24	18	Orbis	22	..	3.6	..
104	74	P & P	101	..	3.2	12.4
129	110	Michael Page†	128	..	2.9	14.3
149	108	Parity†	147	+4	1.5	..
208	138	Pegasus	208	+18	3.0	15.3
92	82	Pentos	92	-1	5.4	..
73	57	Prontaprint†	60	..	8.3	..
305	260	RCO	270	+2	7.4	9.8
41	33	Radius	40	..	3.3	13.9
183	150	Real Time	165	+1	3.0	12.5
144	123	Reed Executive	126	..	..	..
156	142	Reliance Sec	155	+2	4.0	23.6
263½	212½	Rentokil†	252	..	1.6	22.3
143	135	Ricardo Group	141	..	4.3	17.6
185	158	Rolfe & Nolan	165	..	1.0	28.3
990	682	Sage Grp†	970	-20	1.5	16.0
290	229	Salvesen (C)	260	..	3.9	13.4
100	79	Sanderson Elec	100	+4	3.6	14.5
15	12	Select App	15			
410	382	Serco Grp†	382	-1	1.3	18.2
295	238	Serco Gp	293	+1	1.7	24.4
201	156	Servisior	192	..	2.5	..
144	80	Sherwd Cmpt	139	..	1.8	..
94	83	Sketchley	90	..	4.4	15.1
18½	11	Standard Plat	15½	+½		
189	167	Stat-Plus†	189	+1	6.3	17.7
265	116	Unipalm	247	-4		
16	11½	Vislec	15½	..	3.2	8.4
49	40	WSP Hldgs	48	..	5.2	12.8
295	245	Warner Howd	295	..	3.6	..

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
411½	364¾	BT	400½	-2½	5.7	15.4
427	350½	Cable Wireless	410	-2	2.6	16.8
1540	1480	Securicor	1490	+2	0.3	34.0
1003	900	Securicor 'A'	906	+6	0.5	20.7
833	726	Security Serv	796	+7	1.0	22.2
188	147	Telewest	162			
212	177½	Vodafone	201½	..	1.9	26.1

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	66	Albion	71	..	5.6	3.8
149	115	Alexdra Wt	146	..	5.1	16.5
259	223	Allied Text	243	+3	3.5	14.9
84	72	Allins	81	..	12.5	25.7
34	31	Automagic	31	..	..	7.8
245	200	Baird (Wm)	242	+3	4.9	16.2
47	36	Beckman (A)†	41	..	10.3	..
263	229	Black (Peter)	263	+3	2.2	15.4
121	111	Bridport-Gndry†	117	..	3.3	13.8
206	180	Br Mohairt	206	..	5.5	13.7
26	24	Campari	#25			
84	68	Cassidy Bros	73	..	4.7	9.4
185	171	Chamb Phipps	173	..	5.3	22.7
323	282	Claremont Gat	321	+5	3.5	15.7
218	155	Coats Viyella†	211½	+2½	5.0	14.4
507	410	Courtaulds Text	505	+8	3.7	15.7
135	123	Dalkeith	123	-1	6.1	6.4
124	92½	Dawson	119½	..		
173	139½	Dewhirst (I)†	173	+1	1.9	..
41	30	Dixon Heall	36	..	4.9	..
36½	25	Drummond	36	..	..	16.1
25	13	Ebel	17	-1		
68	50	Faupel	50	..	12.2	8.1
380	260	FII	370	..	4.9	28.7
151	146	Forminster	151	..	2.7	12.7
21	17	Foster (John)	18½	+½		
95	85	French	85	..	5.3	11.6
102	72	Geal SR	97	..	3.0	21.6
103	85	Haggas	101	..	3.7	13.9
17	7¼	Hartstone	13	..	3.1	..
27	21	Helene Plc	24½	..	10.3	10.1
241	213	Hicking Pntcst	225	+1	2.7	15.9
26	21	Hollast	24½	..	3.1	..
71	53	Honeysuckle	53	..	7.1	6.1
133	80	Horace Small	115	..	..	9.2
217	187	Jacques Vert	217	+1	3.0	9.0
71	56	Jerome (S)†	70	..	2.7	7.6
378	327	Jones Stroud	377	..	3.0	18.3
141	118	Lambert†	131	+1	6.8	..
352	283	Lamont	351	..	4.7	16.6
274	241	Leeds	260	-2	3.0	13.5
73	63	Leslie Wise Gp	68	..	7.8	12.2
84	59	Lyles (S)	83	..	6.0	7.1
27	23½	Marling	24½	..	3.3	..
10	10	PEX	10			
168	135	Parkland	159	..	4.4	..
127	102	Pentland†	127	+4	3.1	19.4
73	56	Pittards	57	+1	4.4	16.0
70½	58¼	Readicut	70½	+½	8.1	11.9
68	61	Readmer	63	..	5.6	6.7
51	43	Richards	50	..	5.0	..
76	50	SEET	70			
104	75	Sherwood Grp	103	..	3.9	13.4
142	123	Shiloh†	132	..	3.6	..
107	90	Sirdar	103	+5	6.7	14.5
56	51	Stirling Gp	56	+1	4.4	15.5
21	14	Strong & Fisher	14	..	8.9	10.3
40	34	UK Safety†	40	..	8.1	49.8
172	114	Usher (Frank)	161	+½	6.2	9.5
143	109	Wescomt	132	..	4.1	14.4
280	244	Yorklyde	279	..	3.3	..

TRANSPORT

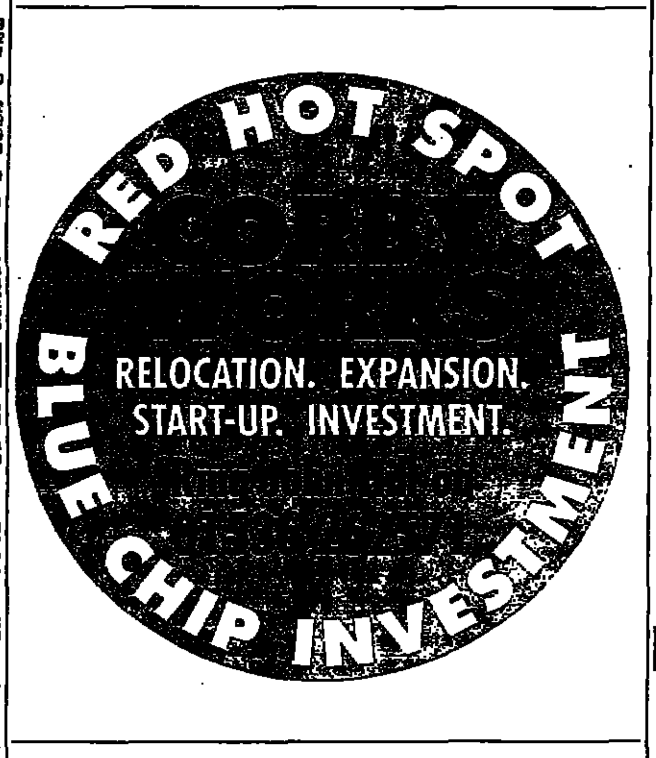
1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	61	Air London†	69	..	6.3	13.1
768¼	625¼	AB Airport Air	695¾	-47	0.3	..
298	262	Assoc Br Ports	294	+3	2.3	18.7
496	414	BAA	488	-2	2.4	18.6
155	130	Bridgefort	144	..	3.9	14.6
100	42	Bodley Bus	42	-1		
438½	348	Br Airways	428	-8	3.3	10.6
51	35	Central Tran R	49	+2		
115	93	Clarkson (H)	112	..	2.3	..
183	153	Clydeport†	183	..	2.4	16.8
167	152	Dan	187	..	2.9	16.1
233	193	Eurodollar	233	..	4.6	18.2
324	179	Eurotunnel Uts	201	-7		
65	50	Fisher (James)	65	..	1.9	13.6
555	438	Forth Ports†	555	+5	2.2	..
285	220	GRT Bust	271	..	2.0	..
226	186	Go-Ahead	226	..	2.2	24.4
250	199	Goode Durrant	248	..	3.2	19.5
135	102	IoM Steam	102	..	5.4	13.4
69	52	Jacobs (J)	60	..	2.1	..
77	67	Lon O'Seas Frs	73	..	6.6	1.7
440	358	Mersey Docks	440	..	3.0	17.4
189	158	NFC†	180	-2	4.9	18.5
387	289	Nat Express	370	-7	2.9	14.6
325	261	Ocean Group†	325	+3	5.5	21.2
89	66	Ocean Wilson	81	-2	4.9	11.7
618	549	P & O Dfd†	607	-4	6.3	16.2
193	167	P & O 5.5%†	190	-1	3.6	..
93	87	Seacon	91	..	3.3	47.0
238	198	Stagecoach	214	..	2.5	21.3
110	79	TNT	95	+2	..	
713	500	Tibbet & Britn†	525	..	3.9	12.3
236	184	TDG	235	..	5.1	15.7
120	92	Upland	107	..	2.8	..
110	90	Utd Carriers	110	..	5.6	..

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
520	443	Anglian	499	+2	5.9	11.3
349	296	Mid Kent Hdgs	321	..	4.6	10.8
579	483	North West	575	-2	5.2	8.2
906	676	Northumbrn	895	..	3.6	9.6
564	475	Severn Trent	546	..	5.4	8.1
2210	1855	South Staffs	2210	+5	3.1	13.3
527	459	South West	514	+3	6.4	7.6
605	517	Southern	600	-1	5.0	8.7
504	456	Thames	485	..	6.0	7.3
679	567	Welsh	621	..	5.3	6.8
312	252	Wessex	296	..	6.1	7.7
560	472	Yorkshire	555	..	5.3	8.2

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BRITISH FUNDS

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
101¼	100	Exch 10¼% 1995	100	...	10.18	6.26
104	102	Treas 12¾% 1995	102		12.39	6.61
106	104	Treas 14% 1996	104	...	13.37	6.65
109	107	Treas 15¼% 1996	107	+	14.18	6.87
107	105	Exch 13¼% 1996	105	+	12.51	6.91
103	103	Conv 10% 1996	103	+	9.63	7.17
98	97	Treas 7% 1997	98		7.87	7.38
109	108	Treas 13¼% 1997	109	+	12.15	7.37
105	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	+	10.00	7.38
102	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	102	+	8.54	7.52
116	114	Exch 15% 1997	115	+	12.93	7.65
105	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	104	+	9.31	7.72
98	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	98	+	7.34	7.70
97	94	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	97	+	6.93	7.71
116	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	116 †	+	12.08	7.88
122	120	Treas 15½% 1998	122	+	12.67	7.77
112	109	Exch 12% 1998	112 †	+	10.68	7.86
105	100	Treas 9½% 1999	105	+	9.04	7.84
114	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	114	+	10.74	7.92
108	105	Treas 10½% 1999	108 †	+	9.66	7.89
93	89	Treas 6% 1999	93	+	6.41	7.80
108	105	Conv 10¼% 1999	108 xd	+	9.44	7.93
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
104	100	Conv 9% 2000	104	+	8.62	7.85
100	95	Treas 8% 2000	100 xd	+	7.96	7.88
120	117	Treas 13% 2000	120	+	10.77	8.00
108	104	Treas 10% 2001	108	+	9.19	8.04
94	90	Treas 7% 2001	94	+	7.37	7.90
108	103	Treas 9¾% 2002	108	+	8.97	8.12
99	94	Treas 8% 2003	99 †	+	8.06	8.09
110	105	Treas 10% 2003	110	+	9.08	8.15
115	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115	+	9.99	8.17
78	73	Fund 3½% 1999-04	78	+	4.47	6.69
106	103	Conv 9½% 2004	106	+	8.74	8.14
97	86	Treas 6¾% 2004	91 †	+	7.40	8.05

Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
Treas 8½% 2005	103 †	+	8.25	8.09
Conv 9½% 2005	108	+	8.71	8.13
Treas 12½% 2003-05	125 †	+	10.00	8.30
Treas 7¾% 2006	97	+	7.98	8.10
Treas 8% 2002-06	99	+	8.07	8.10
Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119	+	9.87	8.32
Treas 8½% 2007	102	+	8.28	8.10
Treas 13½% 2004-08	131	+	10.24	8.30
Treas 9% 2008	107	+	8.41	8.10
Treas 8% 2009	98	+	8.08	8.10
LONGS (over 15 years)				
Treas 6¼% 2010	83 xd	+	7.45	8.06
Conv 9% 2011	107	+	8.36	8.11
Treas 9% 2012	108	+	8.33	8.10
Treas 5½% 2008-12	77	+	7.10	7.89
Treas 8% 2013	99	+	8.07	8.07
Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96	+	8.02	8.07
Treas 8¾% 2017	107	+	8.18	8.05
Exch 12% 2013-17	135 †	+	8.89	8.25
UNDATED				
War Ln 3½%	43 xd	+	8.05	
Treas 2½%	30	+	8.18	...
Consols 4%	48	+	8.25	...
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:			10%	5%
Treas IL 2% 1996	208	+	1.11	3.17
Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110	+	2.32	3.34
Treas IL 2½% 2001	174	+	2.99	3.47
Treas IL 2½% 2003	170 xd	+	3.13	3.52
Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	113	+	3.17	3.53
Treas IL 2% 2006	178	+	3.26	3.54
Treas IL 2½% 2009	162 xd	+	3.31	3.55
Treas IL 2½% 2011	168	+	3.36	3.57
Treas IL 2½% 2013	139	+	3.39	3.58
Treas IL 2½% 2016	148	+	3.43	3.61
Treas IL 2½% 2020	142	+	3.48	3.63
Treas IL 2½% 2024	118	+	3.47	3.61
Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117	+	3.49	3.63

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Matthew May on the growth of the mobile phone network worldwide

Will the mobile phone, now nestling in the pockets of more than three million British subscribers, really be able to continue its heady expansion?

At Motorola, the world's biggest supplier of mobile handsets, the race is on to design such a wide range of products that the attractions of going mobile will become irresistible.

How about a two-way radio system built into your mobile phone which can communicate with other similarly equipped units near by? Talking by radio means that you are free from both mobile call charges and the need to have a mobile network close at hand. Latest models have a range of up to two miles and are a world away from the hiss and crackle of citizens' band radio.

Perhaps more suited to the great American outdoors, suggested uses range from keeping mountaineers or skiers in touch with each other to the lunch-maker summoning the rest of the family from their lakeside walk.

Also in prospect are mobile phones that can work as cordless phones in the home. Plug in your recharger and base station at home and your can use your mobile to make cheaper calls through your home number. It will receive calls made to either your mobile or home number. A similar system is also being planned for office use.

The humble pager will soon have extra features. New models will be able to reply by selecting one of several pre-programmed messages. Even "portable wireless answering machines" are on the way. These devices will fit in the palm of the hand and, instead of paging you with a beep, can store a message in the sender's voice.

Motorola's most ambitious gamble is Iridium — a global satellite-based service that means it will become possible to phone, page, fax or send computer information to and from anywhere on Earth.

Due to start in 1998, the service will use 66 low-orbit satellites that can track down the location of a mobile phone anywhere in the world. The phones will be "dual mode", so that, when possible, a subscriber's local cellular service will be used. Expensive satellite calls will be resorted to only when the phone is out of range of the local service.

Initially, there was much scepticism about the project. The technology behind it has never been tried and the cost is immense — at least £2 billion. Yet Motorola has managed to attract more than £1 billion of investment and leads a consortium with 16 partners based around the world.

The technology will not be proved until the satellites are in operation, but the fact that there are at last three competitors planning similar networks has boosted confidence that it will work.

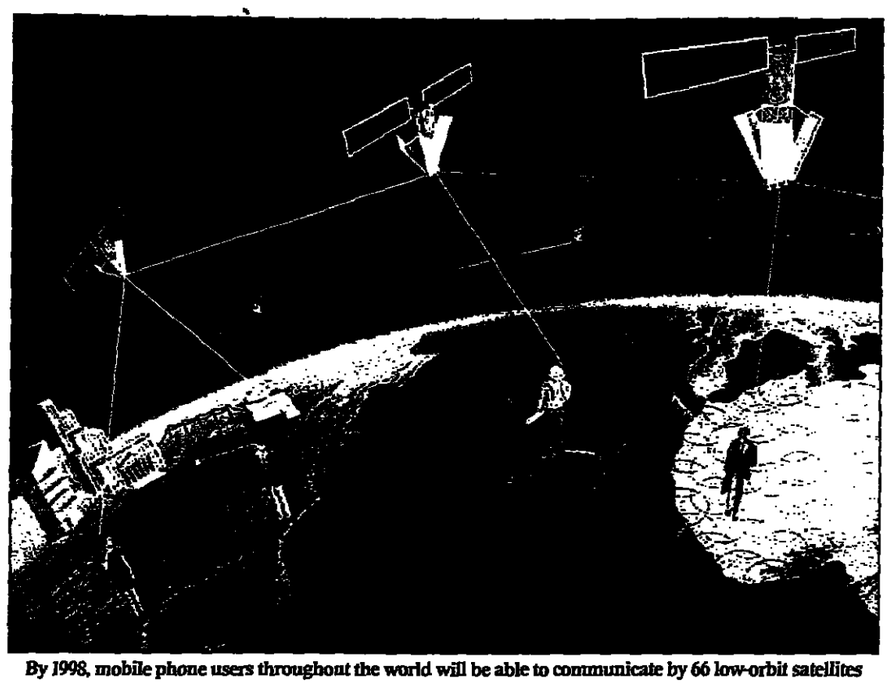
A more pressing question is whether there can possibly be enough demand for more than one global satellite service. Iridium will be expensive to use — £1,500 for the phone, £2 a minute for calls and a £30 monthly subscription. Motorola is expecting to sign up 1.5 million customers by the end of the decade, but it claims that, to break even, it needs only 600,000 subscribers from around the world.

If true, such a target could be achieved, although perhaps not quite in the way Motorola is advertising it. For example, a promotional video shows an archaeologist in the middle of nowhere making what could be an important find.

Instead of a two-day drive back to the local office to check whether the find is unique, the global phone comes to the rescue; within seconds she can discover that her find is indeed unique.

Given the cost, however, it is much more likely that the phones will become the ultimate status symbol for the globe-hopping senior executive rather than those needing to make calls from obscure places. Far more important than being able to call from the middle of a desert or on the top of a mountain is that the global phone will work in Tokyo, New York and London.

Not even the best mobile phone in the world today will work in all three places because America, Japan and Europe use incompatible systems, and there is no sign of the situation changing in the foreseeable future. Six hundred thousand of the world's top executives are no doubt already queueing up.



By 1998, mobile phone users throughout the world will be able to communicate by 66 low-orbit satellites

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With the arrival of video personal computers, children from five to 12 in Argyll and Bute are, for the first time, getting to see and chatter to school friends who may live many hours away.

Teachers involved say that the project is helping to remove the sense of isolation some children feel at schools with as few as three pupils. It is also giving small primary schools daily access to teachers specialising in, for example, art or mathematics.

The project, believed to be the first tele-schooling in Britain by a local authority, is being master-minded by Strathclyde Regional Council with help from BT and Olivetti. It is centred on a group of schools in the north Lorn area.

The scheme is made possible by some of the latest communications technology, including PCs fitted with a small video camera. The system not only allows two-way sound and vision, it lets pupils display their work in a corner of the screen and send it by phone line to a specialist teacher or schoolfriend. It also allows pupils to exchange documents and other information, giving the children the partial illusion of being in the same place and taking part in the same exercise.

Freda MacGregor, the head teacher at the primary school on the island of Lismore, which has 11 children, says: "At some of the primary schools in our area, there may be only one boy or girl in a class. This development allows peer-group interaction.

"Our nearest school is not too far away as the crow flies but you have to drive five miles along a single-track road, cross by ferry, then drive another three miles. It is hard for all the schools physically to get together."

Weather on the West Coast can also be stormy during the winter, making a ferry crossing impossible.

John McPhee, the education development officer at Strathclyde and a visiting arts specialist in Argyll and Bute, says: "Some pupils at these small schools do not have a group and this system allows them to link up with one."

Mrs MacGregor said the system could also cut costs by allowing staff to hold group meetings without always having to travel to Oban. "A teacher on one of the more remote islands may have to be away for three days to attend a staff meeting," she added. "This requires someone to cover at a cost of £300. Using this system is not the same as actually meeting, but it is an awful lot better than no meeting at all."

The scheme is being piloted by five primary schools: Lismore, Strath of Appin, Barcaldine, Lochnell and Ardchattan. It is hoped to extend it to the more than 70 primaries and nine secondary schools in Argyll and Bute.

NICK NUTTALL



Students can chat on screen, thanks to a small video camera, and display their work

Help is available to parents who want to prevent children 'surfing' the exotic recesses of the Internet

Watchdogs hunt porn

The amount of sexually explicit information available on the Internet is making some parents wonder whether letting their children get wired up to the information superhighway may be more trouble than it is worth.

Surfwatch Software, a small Californian firm, says it has come up with one possible answer in the form of a $50 (about £30) program. With some types of Internet software, computer-literate parents can choose to block access to some of the 15,000 or so discussion groups potentially available in the so-called newsgroups area of the Internet. But to do so, they need to look though all the discussion groups and decide which ones are unsuitable.

Some newsgroups have titles, such as alt.sex.bondage, that give an obvious indication of the adult nature of their content, but others do not. Surfwatch promises to do the job for users. Jay Freidland, Surfwatch's marketing vice-president, says college students are hired to do nothing but "surf" the Internet in search of pornography or other adult material unsuitable for children and adjust the program to block access. The company will also offer a $6-a-month service to update the list of blocked areas.

Because the Internet is a global network, the information available in Watford can be the same as that in Los Angeles. The package could therefore be as useful for British as for American parents.

Among the more obvious adult discusssion groups are those covering fetishes and pornographic films. But Surfwatch claims that more than 1,000 of the discussion groups can carry information, and in a few cases pictures, that could be unsuitable for children.

The software may also be of use to schools, which are expected to increase their use of the Internet for educational purposes. At present, most schools or teachers have to select what should be available. With a package like Surfwatch, the claim is that parents and teachers can let children explore the vast majority of the discusssion groups on the Internet without fear.

MATTHEW MAY

ONLINE

Prints off faces not fingers

THE pattern of heat radiating from a human face — which is as distinctive as a fingerprint — may be the basis for a security recognition system.

According to Technology Recognition Systems, based in Virginia, infra-red patterns are fixed from infancy to old age.

An infra-red camera takes a picture of a person's heat pattern, and a computer automatically matches — or fails to match — the image with the heat pattern of a known person.

FA Cup on PC

FOOTBALL fans at home and abroad will be able to follow tomorrow's FA Cup Final on the Internet for the first time.

Run by the Press Association, there are profiles of both squads and during the match there will be running reports from Wembley, pictures as they are sent by PA's photographers and updated statistics. It is available at www.padd.press.net.

New arrivals

OTHER arrivals on the Internet include the Science Museum which has opened its online doors at www.nmsi.ac.uk/Welcome.html

The *Shareholder Action Online Handbook*, which covers ethical investment, can be found at www.bath.ac.uk/Centres/Ethical/

Share while the Woodcraft Folk are now online at www.poptel.org.uk/woodcraft/

Finally, an arts information service from the three northern regional arts boards is available at www.poptel.org.uk/arts/

Two-way talk

AN AUTOMATIC phone interpretation system that translates the speaker's language into the listener's language has been successfully tested, says KDD, the Japanese phone company.

The test assumed that a person in Japan was trying to book a room with someone in Korea, each speaking their own language. Using a computer loaded with 1,000 words, the system was 90 per cent successful, says KDD. The system converts the spoken word to its written equivalent, translates it and converts it to the phonetic sounds heard at the other end of the phone.

French figures

JUST as Britain is getting used to longer phone numbers, France Telecom has announced that it will be following the same route.

From October 1996, all phone numbers will grow from eight to ten digits. France will be divided into five zones instead of two, and each will be assigned a two-digit area code, which will be added to existing eight-digit numbers. France Telecom says the change should provide enough unassigned phone numbers to prevent any need for a new system until 2040.



Fresh partner

NBC, the American TV network, and Microsoft are to join forces over a computer online service and other electronic products.

NBC will remove its contributions from the rival America Online and Prodigy services and use them for the Microsoft Network, a new online service.

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Cambridge still top — by a whisker

In our annual league table, Oxford is closing fast on its old rival, writes John O'Leary

Oxbridge continues to dominate *The Times* university rankings, published today, but the gap between the two ancient universities has narrowed again. After a year in which Cambridge began to forge ahead, the two rivals are almost as close together as when the rankings began.

Both have pulled ahead of the two main challengers from the University of London, while Warwick and Durham have joined Edinburgh in fifth place. Cardiff is the highest-placed Welsh college by some margin, while the University of the West of England at Bristol is the leading new university.

Although the top places in the table remain unchanged, there is considerable movement below. Several of the civic universities have continued their rise and positions have altered at all levels. Luton, for example, which was anchored at the foot of the table as the newest university, has leapt 14 places this year.

Some of the churning is the result of changes in the way the rankings are compiled. The omission of research income from the calculations, for example, worked against primarily technological universities such as the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

More significant generally, however, were the changes taking place in higher education over the period covered by the statistics used to compile the guide. Most refer to the period between 1992 and 1994, when the growth in student numbers was affecting staffing levels, entry grades, the availability of accommodation and employment prospects.

The impact is still being felt, even though the Government has called a temporary halt to the expansion of higher education. Subsequent rankings are certain to reflect the changes in postgraduate numbers, for example, as well as the continuing pressure on staffing.

Only one indicator has not been updated: research. The funding councils will carry out new assessments next year, but the 1992 ratings influence funding levels and are the most recent available.

Other indicators show that Cambridge remains the best-staffed university with the highest entrance requirements, the most student accommodation and the largest proportion of first-class degrees. Oxford shares top billing for the proportion of undergraduates completing degrees, and does best on library spending.

Buckingham, Britain's only private university, heads two categories, enabling it to jump nine places into the top half of the table. It boasts the best graduate employment rate and beats Middlesex to top place in our "value-added" indicator, which measures completion rates, firsts and employment figures against entrance requirements. The London School of Economics heads the remaining category, with the highest proportion of postgraduates.

Cambridge's lead over Oxford at the head of the table is cut to only four points out of 1,000, partly because of the changes in methodology. Oxford suffered previously for the variety of higher degrees among its staff when the proportion of PhDs alone was used a measure of academic qualifications.

As in previous years, the table omits university institutions such as Cranfield and the London Business School, which are wholly or predominantly postgraduate, as well as the Open University, which is concerned exclusively with distance education.

The table is intended as a signpost for students considering a first degree, giving a broad indication of a university's standing. The component parts are published in detail in *The Times Higher Education Supplement*.

The methods used to compile the rankings have, belatedly, become the subject of serious academic debate. Three lecturers from Queen's University, Belfast, produced a statistical critique of last year's rankings in the *Higher Education Quarterly*, and even argued that Imperial College, London, should have finished above Oxford.

The authors of the paper did not contact the compilers of the guide, so their findings could not affect the current rankings. However, other researchers and some vice-chancellors have made constructive criticisms, which have resulted in changes in the table.

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The University of the West of England at Bristol is the leading new university

Unrest on the campus

UNIVERSITY league tables remain controversial not just in Britain, but wherever they are produced. In the United States and Canada, too, public demand for higher education rankings is matched by academics' opposition.

French Canadian universities staged a mass boycott of the rankings produced by *Macleans* magazine last year and were joined by half a dozen from the English-speaking sector. The magazine expects most to return this year.

Victor Dwyer, *Macleans'* education editor, said: "The universities do not like to be ranked, but they seem to be learning to live with it. It raises the profile of higher education, and even those near the bottom find that the publicity is helping their applications."

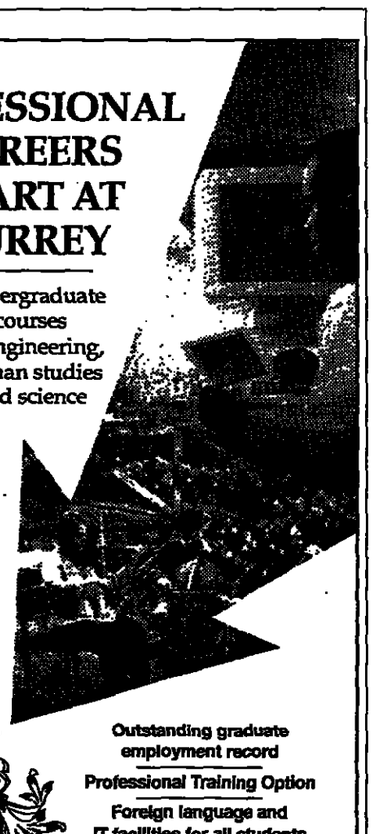
In America, where university rankings began, they have become so popular that at least 15 guides are now published. The universities are so swamped with demands for information that they are standardising some of their statistics and limiting the amount of data they are prepared to produce. Some, unfortunately, have even massaged their figures for a better ranking.

THE TIMES LEAGUE TABLE 1995: HOW THE UNIVERSITIES COMPARE

		Entry grades	Student/staff ratio	Library spending	Student accommodation	Completion rates	Firsts	Research	Value added	Postgraduates	Employment	Total
		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1000
1	Cambridge	98	99	59	96	93	99	100	65	99	51	858
2	Oxford	94	84	99	89	84	99	73	79	97	56	854
3	Imperial	95	96	37	47	95	94	88	63	96	50	749
4	UCL	78	88	31	50	83	95	59	62	97	60	703
5	Edinburgh	84	77	31	60	73	95	54	66	93	59	693
5	Warwick	80	80	28	84	91	90	34	62	93	51	693
5	Durham	81	71	39	82	72	97	38	73	83	57	693
8	Nottingham	86	79	31	61	79	98	40	67	86	65	691
8	York	79	78	29	78	76	97	46	65	86	57	691
10	LSE	83	59	54	32	98	97	30	61	99	50	683
10	Birmingham	80	91	27	39	83	95	44	59	79	67	683
10	Bristol	87	77	31	58	70	98	48	65	79	55	683
13	Bath	77	76	29	39	75	94	56	68	89	56	658
13	Manchester	80	77	34	51	66	98	46	61	91	54	658
15	Sheffield	75	75	27	95	68	90	33	61	79	53	655
15	St Andrews	80	77	32	74	40	99	54	64	81	54	655
15	Surrey	63	71	24	80	95	87	42	66	74	52	655
18	King's London	77	91	32	34	70	94	46	69	83	54	650
19	Reading	63	91	25	65	80	88	33	63	68	69	646
19	UMIST	71	77	25	48	65	88	47	66	92	69	646
21	Lancaster	75	76	29	62	72	91	29	63	88	55	641
22	Leicester	71	74	30	68	95	89	33	51	67	56	634
22	Southampton	79	76	29	49	61	98	44	61	78	59	634
22	Liverpool	79	77	29	47	64	98	44	60	70	66	634
22	Leeds	77	91	28	63	59	95	37	55	72	57	634
26	Royal Holloway	75	77	29	59	33	98	50	60	82	63	625
26	Glasgow	78	74	31	65	55	96	39	61	67	60	625
28	UWC Cardiff	76	86	30	51	80	89	30	64	56	59	621
29	Loughborough	70	67	25	74	55	97	46	63	67	56	619
29	Sussex	67	67	33	54	68	95	33	60	87	58	619
29	Newcastle	73	71	31	51	60	95	38	62	78	60	619
32	Queen Mary	73	71	32	41	50	96	42	63	77	70	615
33	Strathclyde	70	71	23	27	70	92	52	74	66	63	607
33	Brunel	67	48	26	48	90	86	46	76	59	61	607
33	Aston	74	53	31	70	67	90	35	70	60	57	607
36	Essex	60	67	28	64	59	92	27	53	91	63	602
36	Stirling	72	59	26	74	50	91	46	61	63	60	602
36	City	67	83	23	35	99	86	42	52	59	56	602
36	Keele	71	77	25	86	83	85	23	47	47	59	602
36	Exeter	70	71	23	47	68	96	33	61	72	60	602
41	Aberdeen	67	64	28	61	49	96	40	63	56	68	591
41	Hull	71	71	22	72	73	96	21	61	42	62	591
41	Salford	63	63	22	82	48	89	42	70	42	70	591
44	Buckingham	40	98	41	71	30	95	18	80	24	88	584
44	East Anglia	67	63	28	52	63	92	34	55	72	59	584
46	Heriot - Watt	66	77	22	44	56	87	42	63	59	55	571
47	Dundee	60	75	29	39	50	92	35	67	56	63	565
48	UCW, Swansea	68	69	24	53	53	98	30	54	61	51	563
49	UCW, Bangor	60	71	27	48	53	96	31	58	48	69	561
50	Kent	68	67	28	60	55	94	33	41	56	52	552
50	Bradford	60	63	26	39	49	91	33	60	48	63	552
52	Queen's, Belfast	67	61	24	26	64	96	31	63	44	61	538
52	Ulster	63	67	21	51	45	92	21	64	49	66	538
54	Aberystwyth	62	59	29	61	50	92	18	53	50	58	529
55	Goldsmiths'	50	71	25	41	38	87	33	66	46	62	520
56	West of England	60	75	22	58	35	85	22	64	37	56	513
57	Sheffield Hallam	43	63	31	29	43	89	25	72	39	75	509
57	Oxford Brookes	60	67	16	47	55	89	25	66	29	55	509
59	Middlesex	43	54	26	22	37	93	38	74	32	83	502
59	Kingston	47	59	16	38	48	89	25	67	41	73	502
59	Northumbria	50	71	26	26	38	96	25	65	33	71	502
62	Plymouth	48	79	22	18	31	96	25	64	40	73	496
63	UCW Lampeter	63	50	29	65	20	99	17	55	41	61	490
63	Hertfordshire	52	61	19	59	33	90	22	60	21	74	490
63	Portsmouth	52	76	20	24	40	97	25	63	22	71	490
66	Westminster	43	63	22	16	50	84	38	63	37	68	483
66	Central England	57	64	20	31	40	95	25	73	12	67	483
68	Manchester Metro	53	69	22	27	30	84	22	57	29	79	476
68	Leeds Metro	48	57	31	34	33	84	22	62	22	78	476
68	Nottingham Trent	65	61	17	27	33	90	25	64	17	75	476
68	De Montfort	50	59	30	36	25	95	25	59	17	80	476
72	Wolverhampton	42	70	23	50	50	87	17	55	20	60	474
73	Humberside	53	63	30	42	30	87	13	63	12	62	455
74	Central Lancs	57	61	19	29	30	92	21	60	12	67	448
74	Robert Gordon	40	71	22	29	18	80	38	58	18	75	448
76	Staffordshire	52	63	19	41	30	90	21	58	12	61	447
77	Teesside	40	63	16	36	25	86	25	58	32	63	445
78	Coventry	37	59	15	27	25	92	24	54	37	73	442
79	South Bank	40	54	18	12	38	91	25	55	38	70	440
80	Brighton	43	67	17	21	30	83	25	54	32	65	437
80	Glasgow Cal	50	63	22	8	35	84	21	67	11	76	437
82	Luton	37	56	17	40	18	89	26	69	12	69	433
83	Sunderland	37	56	23	33	25	83	21	58	24	72	431
83	Greenwich	45	54	21	25	39	93	19	51	27	59	431
85	North London	40	53	18	12	25	79	26	64	36	70	422
85	Glamorgan	43	51	17	31	25	96	18	54	13	74	422
87	Bournemouth	47	63	19	6	35	85	13	68	16	69	419
87	East London	47	63	20	18	43	83	29	46	12	60	419
87	Liv John Moores	43	63	19	25	16	91	25	57	12	69	419
90	Thames Valley	50	67	24	5	25	89	17	59	17	66	418
91	London Guildhall	43	59	27	8	20	95	21	50	20	67	410
92	Huddersfield	43	56	16	11	32	78	20	54	26	65	400
93	Derby	33	53	14	18	28	91	15	48	12	72	386
93	Napier	43	71	22	12	28	80	8	50	12	60	386
93	Anglia	40	63	16	21	20	81	13	51	12	68	386
96	Abertay, Dundee	30	63	8	18	15	85	19	53	12	61	363
96	Paisley	40	63	18	18	13	82	10	50	12	58	363

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How the league tables were compiled

Tom Cannon explains changes to make the ratings system fairer

This year's league tables have undergone the most radical revision since their introduction. The number of indicators has been reduced in response to common criticisms from within the university system, and a standard weighting system adopted instead of the variable weights used previously in *The Times*.

The reduction in the number of indicators was partly a response to the view that particular aspects of university life were given too much emphasis. This was especially true of the two research measures employed — research income per capita member of staff and the measure based on the last research assessment exercise. Several Vice-Chancellors argued that this over-emphasised the role of research in an increasingly pluralistic university system. Some institutions also find it difficult to separate research income from other revenue, so this indicator was dropped.

Similar problems existed with the measures of staff qualifications. It was relatively easy to identify staff with PhDs but some staff do not inform their university of their professional qualifications.

Eliminating these measures and the category for international students, which was heavily influenced by a university's location, created an opportunity to tackle a further criticism. This centred on the different weighting given in the past to each indicator. In previous years, for example, entry requirements carried a weighting of 100 and the proportion of overseas students only 20. Giving equal weight to the remaining indicators should make the rankings more accessible to the general reader.

This switch seems to have stretched out the scores and slightly reduced the clustering of universities that was evident last year. Some universities changed position but a comparison with results using the old method indicates that equal weightings had only a small effect on this.

This year seems to have seen a shift in the character of the debate on the rankings. Comments centred largely on the ways to improve the quality and fairness of the outcomes.

Each year, every university is sent a copy of our estimates of the figures for each indicator. They are given the opportunity to correct any errors, and definitions are provided for each item. Professor Sam Moore, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University, pointed out that it was possible to interpret completion rates in more than one way.

Our aim was to identify the proportion of students who entered the university and completed their degrees successfully, in the normal year of graduation. Some institutions, however, seem to have taken "complete successfully" to mean either the numbers who enter the final year and then complete successfully or those who enter their final examinations and complete successfully. A few corrections have been made, and next year's definition will be based on Professor Moore's clarification.

Over the next year, the higher education funding councils and the Higher Education Statistics Agency seem likely to publish their own figures for most or all the measures used in *The Times* rankings. Professor Peter Toyne, the Vice Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University, stressed the added value of this authoritative source of information.

All credit should be given to the statistics unit and the universities. It seems they have solved the problem of gathering and publishing, for all universities, up-to-date information that the community has a right to know.

The major gaps are self-evident. The greatest omission in the main table is a measure of teaching standards. This year we have not been able to include these in the institutional tables, but have constructed subject tables around institutional visits and reports undertaken by the funding councils. The greater emphasis on subjects is perhaps the most significant change in emphasis in this year's analysis.

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Top marks for old and new

DURHAM and Warwick are an odd couple sharing the premier berth in *The Times* ranking of provincial universities: a clash of generation and style, but united in excellence.

Durham is long established as a distinguished alternative to Oxbridge, complete with a collegiate structure, historic setting and predominantly middle-class student body. Warwick, in contrast, is an "old new" university, one of a clutch of increasingly successful campus institutions founded in the last wave of rapid higher education expansion in the 1960s. York, Surrey and Bath also claim places in the top ten.

The formidable civic universities retain a strong grip on the upper reaches of the rankings. Nottingham, last year's leader, shares third place with York, although just two points divide the top four institutions in our aggregate table opposite. Birmingham, which came first in 1993, is just behind with Bristol, followed by Manchester and Sheffield.

These more expensive city locations remain attractive to applicants in spite of student hardship. Bristol vies with Nottingham for the highest entry requirments, with about 15 prospective students chasing each place. Sheffield benefits from the high proportion of students in university accommodation.

Durham is determinedly traditional. Applications have to be made to one of the 12 colleges — all but one now mixed — ranging in size from 300 to 700. This collegiate system is regarded as the bedrock of Durham's particular success in two key areas: it boasts a low drop-out rate and an outstanding graduate employment record. The university also strives to keep the size of teaching groups as small as possible.

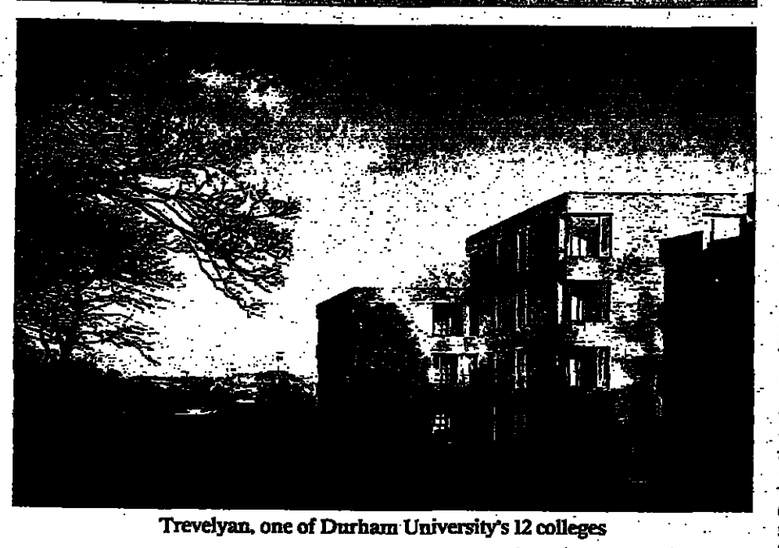
Keith Seacroft, a senior official, explains: "We take great care over admissions to ensure that people choose Durham as positively as we choose them. The college environment is supportive. College tutors help people to settle in and are sympathetic if someone needs help. The system also encourages students to support one another." Mr Seacroft argues that employers recognise the quality of graduates produced by this system.

Warwick has benefited from a prescient leadership that pioneered the development of close links with industry and business, an idea before its time and derided by some. Similarly, the university pursued a selective policy rather than trying to cover the whole range of academic disciplines. Warwick has been free to concentrate on subjects such as science, business and engineering because it does not bear the expense of medicine, science or veterinary science.

Both research and teaching are rated highly by the funding council. Warwick gained the most impressive provincial ratings in the 1992 research assessment exercise, and has one of the highest proportions of postgraduates.

York, a contemporary of Warwick, retains third position. Students score an impressive number of firsts. First-year students are guaranteed a residential place on the lakeside campus two miles from the city centre, which ensures a strong performance in the accommodation ranking. Overall, some 65 per cent of students are housed on campus some two miles from the city centre.

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Trevelyan, one of Durham University's 12 colleges

1 Durham	7 Bath	14 Leeds
Warwick	Manchester	Leicester
3 Nottingham	9 Sheffield	Liverpool
York	Surrey	Southampton
5 Birmingham	11 Reading	18 Loughborough
Bristol	UMIST	Newcastle
	13 Lancaster	Sussex

TOP 20 NEW UNIVERSITIES

Progress of an ex-poly

1 West of England	
2 Sheffield Hallam	
Oxford Brookes	
4 Kingston	
Middlesex	
Northumbria	
7 Plymouth	
8 Hertfordshire	
Portsmouth	
10 Central England	
Westminster	
12 De Montfort	
Leeds Metropolitan	
Manchester Metropolitan	
Nottingham Trent	
16 Wolverhampton	
17 Humberside	
18 Central Lancashire	
19 Staffordshire	
20 Teesside	

The University of the West of England, Bristol — UWE to its friends — carries the flag for the new universities for the second time in three years. The high ratio of applications to places confirms the regard with which prospective students hold one of the most ambitious former polytechnics.

Oxford Brookes and Sheffield Hallam record sharp improvements in their ratings and have shot up the table to share second place. Oxford scores heavily for its entry requirements which are the stiffest in the sector. Other high climbers include Kingston, the University of Northumbria at Newcastle, and Plymouth.

Sheffield Hallam benefits, in particular, from the value-added measure which is designed to allow universities to demonstrate the extent to which they help students to progress during their academic career. It is constructed by relating students' qualifications on entry with a measure linking completion rates, firsts and employment figures.

The fourth annual ranking highlights the consistent performance of Middlesex, Hertfordshire, the University of Central England in Birmingham, and Portsmouth, which have all firmly established themselves as regulars in the top ten. Portsmouth enjoys the best staff-student ratio of the new universities. Only Middlesex betters the employment record of graduates from Central England.

The new universities, however, remain sceptical about the value of rankings which allow prospective students to compare the performance of institutions which adopted the title "university" only three years ago with long-established rivals. Even UWE finishes only 56th overall.

As a result, this remains the most controversial section of *The Times Good University Guide*. Some vice-chancellors argue that several of the indicators used fail to reflect their distinctive aims and circumstances. For example, the overwhelming majority of new universities set out their stalls as institutions which emphasise the importance of teaching and argue that research ratings are of little consequence.

This year's measures have been changed to accommodate some objections. Two indicators which favoured the traditional universities have been dropped: income raised by research, and overseas students.

Predictably, the new universities lag behind in library spending and student accommodation. The pace of recent expansion in student numbers has been rapid, outstripping funds available for investment.

But several institutions — including UWE, Oxford Brookes, Hertfordshire and Wolverhampton — do have access to accommodation on a scale that stands comparison with traditional counterparts. UWE has about 900 places in halls of residence and manages a further 250 in student houses. First-years are given priority in the allocation of accommodation, but most students have to fend for themselves. The main campus is outside Bristol at Frenchay, near Bristol Parkway station. UWE has forged strong links with the region, validating further and higher education programmes in college. Franchised courses are now running in at least nine colleges.

TOP TEN SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES

Lead on, Edinburgh

1 Edinburgh	
2 St Andrews	
3 Glasgow	
4 Strathclyde	
5 Stirling	
6 Aberdeen	
7 Heriot-Watt	
8 Dundee	
9 Robert Gordon	
10 Glasgow Caledonian	

Edinburgh remains clearly the top university in Scotland, as it has been since the first *Times* rankings were compiled in 1992. It may have slipped to fifth in the overall table, but there are no serious challengers to its position north of the border.

St Andrews, in second place, matched Edinburgh for staffing levels and first-class degrees, as well as having a better record for library spending, completion rates and student accommodation, but could not compete in other areas.

Nevertheless, St Andrews' 15th place overall was an improvement on last year.

As in England, the new universities are yet to make up the leeway on their more established counterparts. Like previous universities in their first year, Abertay finds itself at the foot of the table, with Paisley, where an open access policy does not lend itself to such comparisons.

Scottish universities may also be undervalued in the overall ranking because of the conversion used for Higher examinations, which are the most usual entrance qualifications. However, Glasgow, Strathclyde, Stirling, Dundee and Hedriot-Watt all feature in the top half of the table of all the universities in Britain.

TOP 20 SUBJECTS

Looking to the future

The hard-headed expediency of the modern student shines through the breakdown of university applications by subject this year. Demand is buoyant for business, management and computer studies.

As students bear more of the costs of higher education — taking on the burden of loans as the Government's grant for living costs shrinks — so they are opting for courses which they hope will help them in the hunt for jobs. Business studies is booming while economics, its more theoretic stablemate, is in decline. Although the headline figure for language courses has dropped slightly, the number of students learning a language is increasing as the popularity of flexible, modular courses grows.

This is only the second year that the relative pulling power of subjects has been apparent. Previously the separate clearing houses for the traditional and new universities muddied the waters and made it difficult to contrast the fortunes of different disciplines.

Psychology has stalled after enjoying an explosion of interest since the late 1980s. But the study of self, mind and society still attracts almost as many applicants as physics, chemistry and biology put together.

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Subject	Applications	% change
Business/management	147,000	6.0
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Law	104,000	-4.6
Creative arts	98,000	11.6
Social science / arts	86,000	3.8
Computer Studies	71,000	9.7
Psychology	77,000	-2.9
Science / social science	69,000	17.3
General / combined subjects	64,000	-30
Medicine	59,000	-1
English	58,000	1
Geography	45,000	-8.5
Sociology	39,000	2.7
Economics	37,000	-11.3
Mechanical Engineering	35,000	-3.1
Media Studies	32,000	53.1
Chemistry	30,000	0.3
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■ MUSICALS

Royal Ballet star Irek Mukhamedov sings (after a fashion) but hardly dances in the new *King and I*



■ OPERA

ENO's new staging of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* aspires to be chic but ends up looking merely superficial

THE TIMES ARTS



■ THEATRE 1

Steven Berkoff snarls and twists the text, but his *Coriolanus* in Leeds captures the play's vicious spirit



■ THEATRE 2

Farce lives, if creakily: the new Scottish play, *Dumbstruck*, brings black comedy to the Lyric

Don't give up the day job, Irek

The Royal Ballet star is not going to be the next Howard Keel, says **Richard Morrison** after watching Mukhamedov's musical debut



DEE CONWAY

Getting to know you? Irek Mukhamedov as the King, Liz Robertson as "I", in a new staging of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical at the Freemasons' Hall

Connoisseurs of weird nights in the West End should hurry along to the Freemasons' Hall. True, those marbled walls must have gazed in silent bemusement at some strange rituals in their time. But *The King and I*, being staged for four nights only by the BOC Covent Garden Festival, surely ranks high on the all-time list of peculiar showbiz enterprises.

The King and I
Freemasons' Hall

Why, for a start, put on *The King and I* for four nights only? All those sumptuous Thai costumes, those 67 children of the King of Siam, that operetta-sized orchestra assembled to swirl through Richard Rodgers's soupiest melodies while troupes of dancers do their stuff and Hammerstein's snail-paced libretto crawls towards its literally funereal ending — all this will be but a faint memory by Monday morning.

But let us simplify the question. Why put on *The King and I* at all? It has a few funny lines, but so do the Belgian railways. It ran for 1,200-odd performances in 1951, but today — even in a production as innocuous as John Gardyne's — the spectacle of the Siamese being "taught manners" by an English governess will strike the politically correct as offensive, and the rest of us merely as irritatingly arch.

Of course, *The King and I* does have some very famous ditties, and a few others that are actually rather good. But if you are reviving the show for its songs, why cast as the lead somebody who has so little to offer vocally?

In the unlikely event of the Covent Garden Festival ever staging *Spartacus* in the Freemasons' Hall, the Royal Ballet star Irek Mukhamedov would clearly be first choice to lead the leaping and prancing. But Mukhamedov in the Yul Brynner role of the King of Siam? The fact that the man was born east of Clacton and has a remarkable talent for mangling English into knots of unfathomable gobbledegook is not really sufficient qualification.

And don't tell me that the King of Siam wouldn't speak perfect English: all his 67 little nippers seem to manage. Mukhamedov's acting, meanwhile, seems to consist of pointing accusingly at whatever happens to be on the stage with him at the time: man, woman, cushion . . . it doesn't seem to matter. As for his singing, it is strange that somebody who has spent all his working life dancing to superb melodies should exhibit such a tenuous rapport with the basics of musical pitch.

He does finally skip a light polka, to great cheers (perhaps of relief) from his legion of fans. But several hours have to roll lugubriously by before Liz Robertson can utter the famous cry of "Shaaaall weeee *dance*, ta-rum-pum-pum", and be whisked around in a grimly determined kind of way on a stage that is about the width of a paperclip. And Robertson herself, though forceful enough in demeanour and speech as the zealous governess Anna, is not really a match for Julie Andrews in the singing-nanny stakes. Stridency has no place in a Rodgers score.

However, there is much pleasurable singing from the two juvenile leads, Deborah Myers and Mario Frangoulis. That is just as well, since these two doomed lovers have the loveliest numbers: *I Have Dreamed* and *We Kiss in a Shadow*. Shezwae Powell also sings powerfully as the senior wife, Lady Thiang.

Elsewhere, the mimed play-within-a-play of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* — which mirrors the tragic subplot of Act II — is neatly choreographed, Thai-style, by Seán Walsh. And the children (including some very tiny tots) are splendid; their unpretentious routine in *Getting to Know You* is enchanting. As for the rest — well, "is a puzzlement", as the King of Siam would say. And possibly even does say, but who can tell?

Dream turns sour

OPERA

A Midsummer Night's Dream
Coliseum

DONALD COOPER



Christopher Robson as Oberon and Lilian Watson as Tytania in Robert Carsen's staging of Britten's opera

It is easy to understand why Robert Carsen's production of the *Dream* should have been so popular at Aix-en-Provence four years ago, and on its subsequent tour of France. Across the Channel people are more tolerant of — indeed they more or less invented — a production style in which a series of unconnected, would-be chic "ideas" imposed at random on a work take the place of real thought. This *Dream* looks glitzy, camp and superficial, the perfect staging for people who think Shakespeare and Britten are — how to put it? — boring old farts in desperate need of tarting-up.

Michael Levine's decor is puzzlingly lacking in atmosphere. For three-quarters of the evening the false stage is covered with a cloth in a peculiarly unattractive shade of knicker-green. In the first act it is a huge bed; in the second, seven small beds are set on it; in the third, there are three flying beds, which presumably caused the inordinately long interval during which our indulgence was craved for a "technical problem". The whole is flatly lit by Davy Cunningham. If there is no visual analogue to the string glissandos that punctuate the action, then there is a real danger of the seams in Britten's score starting to show.

Levine's costumes dictate the treatment of the lovers as figures of farce. Hermia enters in a *Come Dancing* gown with a hat-box, Helena with knitting needles in her hair and Dame Edna specs. The men are out of some nightmare Viennese operetta. You fondly imagine that something is going to happen to them in the course of this Midsummer Night, but no: the disintegration of their costumes is clumsily managed, they are treated as jokes throughout, and end up the same fatuous people in the same designs as at the beginning. This "idea" can be supported by neither words nor notes.

Carsen falls into the age-old trap of making the artisans "funny". In *Pyramus and Thisbe* the humour is in the notes and the words: the addition of coarse visual gags kills both stone dead, and the result here was about as funny as an open grave. Nor does the fairy world escape unscathed: cute routines for the moustachioed childrens' choir, and a good deal of "aren't we being *naughty*" sexual innuendo.

The most dispiriting aspect of the evening is that the musical values are encouragingly high: how sad to see them squandered. The enormously experienced Steuart Bedford knows precisely how this piece should go, paces it cunningly, finds ideal sensuousness for the purple passages, and draws some excellent playing from the orchestra (woodwind on especially good form).

Some members of the promising cast almost manage to rise above their surroundings. Lillian Watson sings Tytania quite beautifully, even when being made to carry on like a sit-com nympho. Christopher Robson is the sound Oberon, and Peter Rose would be a sounder Bottom if he weren't saddled with an ass's head that muffles his voice. The poor lovers — Susan Chilcott, Eirian James, John Graham-Hall and Christopher Booth-Jones — fine singers all, sink virtually without trace. Sad.

RODNEY MILNES

Master of grand gesture

CONCERT

CBSO/Wolff
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

WHAT to put alongside *Carmina Burana*, which tends to crush anything of sensitivity in the near vicinity, is always a problem. Hugh Wolff solved it, in his concerts with the City of Birmingham Symphony at Symphony Hall, by opening the programme with music by an American compatriot Aaron Jay Kernis. His orchestral scores can look after themselves even in this company.

Kernis, like Orff, knows what effects will work in the concert hall and, again like Orff, knows how to achieve them. Orff did it by reducing his stylistic sources to a common denominator. Kernis does it by constructing a synthesis of gestures which, though they might be empty, are instantly recognisable for what they are intended to represent.

As some of the Birmingham audience already knew from his recent music theatre piece, *Goblin Market*, Kernis is a brilliant craftsman. His writing for string orchestra in *Musica Celestis*, though it strains at credibility at times in its insistence on pitch extremes, is always highly accomplished.

So is his orchestration in *Invisible Mosaic III*, one of several works inspired by the Byzantine mosaics at Ravenna. He is as resourceful here in his use of a wide variety of percussion instruments as he is in his manipulations of rhythm. There are episodes, one of them featuring a melodious flute with mainly pitched percussion and darker dabs of colour on piano and pizzicato strings, where he seems to be communicating something exclusively of himself in his own voice. But too often he negates such impressions by taking a ready-made gesture off the nearest shelf.

The ending of *Invisible Mosaic III*, which is more grandiloquent than *The Great Gate of Kiev*, would be vastly out of proportion even in a work of twice the length, twice the emotional content and twice the achievement.

In fact, there was enough ending in this one piece for the whole concert — which in no way deterred the CBSO, the CBS Chorus and the newly formed CBS Youth Chorus from providing another immoderate ending in *Carmina Burana* when the time came in the second half.

GERALD LARNER

THEATRE: Berkoff the bootboy; and a lively Scottish farce

Mugger mangles maniac

Coriolanus
West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds

THE posters bill the play as "directed by and featuring Steven Berkoff". This brings a moment of concern: "featuring" is usual film parlance when a commanding actor is brought in to play some minor role. Would Berkoff be appearing as one of the tribunes, or the hungry plebeian who Menenius calls, in his parable of the body, "the great toe"?

But of course he plays the jackbooted, rancorous hero of the play, and he certainly kicks the text about. Not in the cutting of it, which is skilful: his compression of the banished hero's appearance in the Volscian camp comes swiftly to the essence of the scene. He replaces some words with modern equivalents — "strike" for "fillip" — but if there are losses in this, there is no distortion.

What he does distort is his own voice. The snarling roar can eliminate verbal meaning. "You caaa caa o'caa!" indicates furious contempt all right, but hardly contains the interest of "You common cry of curs."

When Faith Brook's Volumnia, artfully placatory, tries to shift her son from his latest snobbish stupidity, she says "Action is eloquence", and this is the tenet Berkoff applies to his conception of the play. Words are the spur to create scenic images and intriguing movement. Coriolanus and his upper-class cronies goose-step to the Capitol, senior officers of the National Patrician party. The plebs advance in a synchronised shuffle. Removing their workmen's trilbys they become the senators; dark glasses turn them into Volscian lords.

Visually the production is always exciting, the mimed fighting especially so. In the contest with Colin McFarlane's muscular Aufidius the two men immediately lock invisible swords and freeze, neither able to budge the other. The impression of power equalling power is far greater than would be given by the most adroit ducking and thrusting.

But the meaning of the play lies elsewhere, in what we can make of its fascist hero and not in the characters that surround him, however neatly imagined — like the two tribunes who have the look of rodent journalists, Paul Brightwell a sly rat, Boyd Clack an amply fed coypu. It is to Berkoff we have to turn, Berkoff seething with disgust at the people's smell, their touch; grinningly courteous to his peers but insane. Every gesture of his athlete's body, each decipherable or indecipherable cry, seems designed to persuade us that this human war-machine is a plague upon the earth. But so quirky is his delivery that we need no persuasion. Aufidius stabs his corpse, but Berkoff has killed the character already.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Dazed, or just confused?

Dumbstruck
Lyric, W6

I AM mildly concussed. So many of playwright David Kane's characters are being clonked on the head with the clothes iron, the effect is stupefying. *Dumbstruck*, a farce of Scottish variety acts bumping each other off and humping the regularly-reviving stiffs round their seedy 1960s boarding house, has its amusingly bonkers moments. Ultimately though, I am bemused. Why have director Michael Boyd and Glasgow's Tron Theatre bothered to give this script, which needs sharp editing, such a professional staging?

Initially, it seems Kane may be wackily post-modern, slamming short scenes against one another like eccentric non sequiturs. Wilma and Agnes, the wannabe vocalists with the beehives, trudge through looking perfect frights in face-packs (some terrifically hideous behaviour from Jenny McCrindle and the other ladies).

Soon, Billy Bones, the dim-witted comedian, is blundering surreptitiously towards the fridge in sloppy Y-fronts. He crams his mouth with dry cornflakes followed by a swill of milk, and suddenly the man is devil-worshipping for all he is worth.

Meanwhile Johnny Ramone, the crooner with dreams of making it big, bursts into corny numbers. Instantly, showtime footlights glow around the dingy kitchen, still backed by a glum granite street. A mirror ball scatters kitsch magic around the vintage auditorium, as if the Lyric is halfway to hosting bingo (fine design by Tom Piper).

Kane initially yanks the story along, saying to hell with plausibility. Ramone plunges into conveniently instant despair followed as psychedelically quickly by egomaniacal vengefulness against his agent and artistic rivals when he downs a bottle of pep pills.

The jerks in plot are presumably meant to be entertainingly preposterous. What it all looks like, however, is rough writing. Kane has simply bitten off more than he can chew.

There is a strong wave of new writing coming out of Scotland, combining the comic and the gruesome, the cartoony and the hardcore: Simon Donald's *The Life Of Stuff* or Irvine Welsh's *Trainspotting*. *Dumbstruck* doesn't have their edge.

Still, the cast carry off the show with nifty physical absurdities. Poison victims splat face-down in their cereal. Jimmy Chisholm's Ramone, singing with oily aplomb, twitches with psychotic vanity. He loses momentum occasionally and Robert Patterson seems at a loss as McGubbin, the fervently Christian fraud inspector. But Forbes Masson never slackens as Herman Katz, the macabre illusionist mercy-killing on the side, morbidly deadpan as his accent zigzags between the insanely Germanic and broad Scots.

KATE BASSETT

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Taking loving care of business

Jethro Tull's Ian Anderson tells **Chris Campling** how to have fun, make music and still be solvent



Ian Anderson considers the future of his classical album, *Divinities*: "I could take a caning" is the bottom line from the man with his eye firmly on it

Let's explode a rock myth: Ian Anderson did not stand on one leg to play the flute. No, the first time the music got to him in such a way that impersonating a flamingo was the only way he could fully express himself as a musician and, indeed, a human being, he was playing the ... harmonica.

It was back in the days before Anderson's band Jethro Tull was even properly Jethro Tull. They were, though, already the hard-rocking-jazz-blues outfit lovers of what would be called "progressive" rock would soon rush to hear, and Anderson "used to sort of lay back and go for the high notes and one leg would sort of wave around in the air," he says. "Just one of the things you do when you're 19."

Music writers started mentioning the flamingo bit in their concert reviews but, somewhere in the mix, it merged with Anderson's other claim to rarity — he played the flute, about as obvious a rock instrument as the ukulele. "I started reading that I was a flute player who stood on one leg," he says. "I hadn't been aware I was doing it, and I was embarrassed; I wanted to be taken as a serious musician. So I stopped doing it for about three weeks. But then I felt people were *expecting* me to do it because they'd read about it, so I included it in a sort of dutiful way."

These days, the one-legged Pan flautist makes his appearance about three songs into the show. "That's when the photographers get the picture they want and they can clear off and let the people in the front row see properly."

The teenaged Anderson of nearly 30 years ago already knew one thing about making it in the rock biz: give the people what they want. Since then, Jethro Tull, named after the 17th-century inventor of the seed drill, have sold upwards of 40 million albums, collected more than 60 gold and platinum albums, and Anderson is a man of untold wealth (well, he wouldn't tell me, anyway).

Mention of his financial success is important. This man treats music as a business — not terribly cosmic for a product of the hippy-trippy Sixties. But, in a week which saw the first chilling instalment of *The Music Biz*, a grisly portrayal of blood-sucking record companies having their wicked way with idealistic (or dim) pop stars, his capacity to control as much of his life as possible is impressive.

His latest project is a case in point. Now in the shops is a non-Tull Ian Anderson album called *Divinities*. It has not been recorded for Chrysalis, his record label for the past 25 years, but for EMI's classical division. There are no lyrics, and no electrified instruments. Flutes, Pan pipes, strings — all that orchestral stuff — play on a classically informed concept album based on the world's religions. There are no obvious singles on it, although the beautiful *In Defence of Faiths* could, with words added, become a hymn sung long after Anderson is dead.

Anderson is taking *Divinities* on the road in Europe and America, putting the substantial (in most countries but this) weight of his name behind his gamble, but he knows he could be on a loser here. "I don't get backed by the record company," he says. "I delivered the master tapes and the artwork, for which I get a pretty high royalty rate in classical terms. But if it takes a caning I don't get the cost of making it back. EMI don't get their marketing costs back, and when it tours bums don't go on seats. Happily, the ticket sales in America are going well."

And how does he know the sales are going well? Because he rings and finds out. "It makes me feel a lot more confident knowing that I have a reasonable amount of control over what I'm going to do," he says. "And if I say I'm going to do a promotional tour or be on a flight, I'll be there. I don't need someone to send a car to fetch me or hold my hand. I set my alarm, I get up, I go to work. I don't like being treated like a child."

Far too many of today's rock stars know no other way, of course. "It's a vicious circle," Anderson says. "The more record companies treat bands like complete imbeciles the more they behave like them."

So he and his people ring — or fax, or e-mail — to book the venues, flights and hotels around the world in the months before he tours. And man, do Jethro Tull tour. "There are a lot of new markets in rock'n'roll," Anderson says. "India, South America, Czechoslovakia, South Africa ... You do India, then go on to Australia, by way of Hong Kong, then, since you're travelling that way anyway, maybe you'll nip into Hawaii, then carry on across America. It makes sense to tour that way, not just for the band but for the crew and equipment. You get better air deals, freight deals, that type of thing."

You must surely also get pretty tired. Why not stay at home, record a little, gig a bit, and keep a friendly eye on the Scottish salmon-smoking business that now pulls in £12 million a year? "Because it's fun," he says.

Fun is the reason for a lot of what Anderson does. The qualms about putting *Divinities* before a possibly less-than-thrilled public are stilled by the fun of writing, arrranging and recording it, and the anticipation of playing it on stage. After all, the business he is in is rock'n'roll.

"I don't think they are separate beings," he says. "Being onstage is a mixture of being a man at work and having a lot of fun. I know things have been taken care off because I'm the guy that's been doing it. I know about the ticket counts and the press and the security arrangements and who's getting backstage passes. I don't have a thing to worry about, other than falling over."

● *Ian Anderson plays Divinities at the Shepherds Bush Empire on May 24*



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Elvis Costello digs through his more obscure souvenirs on his mysteriously titled new album, *Kojak Variety*

Costello's aim is skew

NEW ALBUMS

ELVIS COSTELLO
Kojak Variety
(Warner Bros. 9362-45903)
THROWING his hat into an over-crowded ring, Elvis Costello is the latest pop star to indulge in an album of cover versions. But his choice of songs on the mysteriously titled *Kojak Variety* reveals some fairly obscure enthusiasms.

"I found *Strange* on the B-side of a Screaming Jay Hawkins single on Roulette," he declares in the sleeve notes, which provide a detailed commentary on the provenance of all 15 selections. It is a voyage which takes the listener across some mixed terrain: from the dark, bluesy swing of Mose Allison's *Everybody's Crying Mercy* and the pub-rock shuffle of James Carr's *Pouring Water On A Drowning Man*, to the unabashed crooning of the Nat "King" Cole standard *The Very Thought of You*.

Although undertaken in a spirit of enthusiasm and adventure, there is a curiously reductive quality to Costello's performances as he flits from Little Richard's rock'n'roll stomper, *Bama Lama Bama Loo* to the maudlin strains of the Louvin Brothers' *Must you Throw Dirt in my Face* (a country song performed as an R&B ballad). You hum it, mate, he'll play it.

And even allowing for more familiar inclusions — Bob Dylan's *I Threw it all Away* and an overwrought version of Ray Davies's *Days* — the album is more of an archaeological dig than a celebration of a "great" body of songs.

SALAD
Drink Me
(Island Red Label 524 079)
SALAD are the indie-rock band fronted by Dutch singer and former MTV presenter Marijne van der Vlugt. Their debut (British) album, *Drink Me*, forges an erratic path between the cheerful, alternative pop of Sleeper and the wilfully obscure doodlings of the Breeders.

Sometimes, as on *Overhear Me*, they sound sweet and innocent. At others they bash out the chords with punky bravado — as on the recent single, *Drink The Elixir*. But with three writers in the line-up — Van der Vlugt, guitarist Paul Kennedy and former House of Love drummer Rob Wakeman — the only real surprise is that Salad's music is not subject to greater stylistic fluctuations.

Whatever the mood of the moment, their lyrics provide an unfailingly left-field touch: "I'm now an apple, that suits me fine/And I'm out of line/But we'll all be fine," Van der Vlugt sings in *Muscleman*. Sense is often elusive and there is little meat on the bone, but Salad is definitely the crisp and fresh option.

HECTOR ZAZOU
Songs from the Cold Seas
(Columbia COL 477585)
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To call them a poor man's Pearl Jam might be to impugn the begging classes and yet Bush carry off the ruse very adroitly, dishing out precisely the required mix of heavyweight riffing and mortal angst on tracks such as *Swim*, *Bomb* and *Glycerine*. In Britain, though, where grunge took root latest and least, it will not rescue them from a career of glorious obscurity.

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TOP TEN ALBUMS

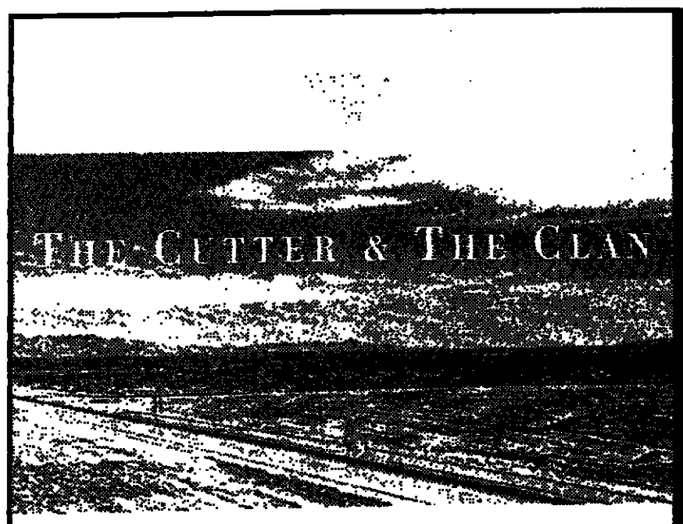
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7	Picture This	Wet Wet Wet (Precious)
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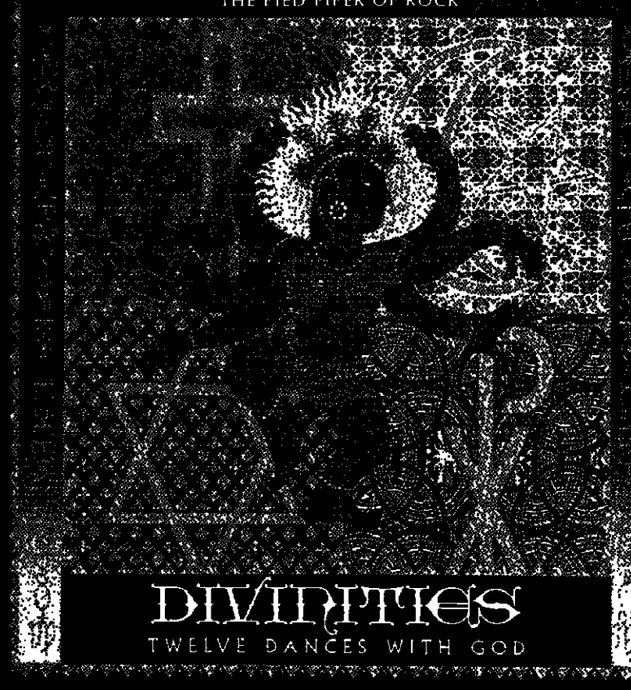
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■ WEEKEND

A new perspective on the French Impressionists as the Hayward Gallery opens its big new show

THE TIMES

ARTS



■ WEEKEND

Dame Gwyneth Jones dons the greasepaint at the Freemasons' Hall for a night of Wagnerian fun



■ POP

What does a one-hit-wonder do next? Life after *Creep* has turned out fine for Radiohead

LONDON

LANDSCAPES OF FRANCE The Hayward offers a new perspective on French Impressionist painting this summer when, for the first time, the masterpieces of Monet, Renoir, Pissarro, Sisley, Cezanne and Gaugin are shown alongside landscape paintings from the annual Paris salon. More than 100 paintings are included in a show that promises to offer fresh insight into *Impressionism and its Rivals*
Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-928 3144). Mon, Thurs-Sun, 10am-6pm. Tue and Wed, 10am-8pm. Until Aug 29 🅂

OH MALVINA! Dame Gwyneth Jones is set to take Covent Garden by storm on Sunday with her interpretation of the life of the first ever Isolde. Malvina Schnorr von Carolsfeld. A rare chance to see and hear the great diva perform some of the most dramatic Wagnerian arias.
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street (0171-312 1990). Sun, 7.30pm

MUSIC FOR A SUNDAY MORNING Music fans preferring a lighter note can take heart as the London Philharmonic gives another of its popular family concerts on Sunday. This month's programme includes works from Bach, Weber, Purcell, Elgar and Berlioz — just one hour long, plus foyer entertainments, the Sunday papers for the grown-ups and much more.
Festival Hall, South Bank SE1 (0171-928 8800). Sun, 11.30am. 🅂

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

BATH Jazz, classical, folk and more mix together in an excellent programme for the **1995 Bath International Music Festival**. The celebrations open tonight with a samba parade and performers this weekend include the Borodin Quartet, the Mike Westbrook Orchestra, the London Sinfonietta, the Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra, a children's afternoon of music and storytelling, and June Tabor.
Box Office Linley House, 1 Pierrepont Place (01225 463362). Until June 4

CARDIFF: Welsh National Opera continues its spring season with Mozart's *Cosi fan tutte*. You have seen the bases of Tim Hopkins's production before but now it's been re-staged, re-designed and re-lit. Carlo Rizzi conducts. Alwyn Mellor, Ann Taylor-Morley, Neil Archer and Nathan Berg.
New Park Place (01222 394844). Sat, 7.15pm 🅂

GLASGOW There is Mozart in Glasgow too, as **Scottish Opera** gives just one performance of *The Marriage of Figaro*, tonight. Timothy Low conducts David Leveaux's stylish production, with Lisa Milne, Stephen Gadd and Paul Whelan. Sung in English.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (0141-332 9000). Tonight, 7.15pm. 🅂

NEWCASTLE: Alan Lyddiard takes on the rigours of Anthony Burgess's **A Clockwork Orange** for Northern Stage tomorrow night. A collaboration with choreographer Mark Murphy of V Tol Dance Company, so it should be quite a spectacle.
Playhouse, Haymarket (0191-230 5151). Previews tomorrow and Mon, 7.30pm. Opens May 23; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, some mats. **Until June 17.** 🅂

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **ABSOLUTE HELL** Set in a drinking club in the summer of 1945 (excellent timing by the NT), Rodney Ackland's neglected, state-of-an-odd-nation comedy is played by a top-class cast headed by Judi Dench and Greg Hicks. Anthony Page directs.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Now previewing. 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. Opens May 23, 7pm 🅂

☐ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI** Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE** The joint is jumping again now that Clarke Peters's celebrated musical has bounced back into the West End.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens May 25

🅂 **HARVEY** Gordon Kaye and Rue (Golden Girls) McClanahan in revival of the 1949 Invisible Rabbit play, inevitably billed as a 24 carrot comedy. Clifford Williams directs.

Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5.30pm

🅂 **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM** Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production, with Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit, Barry Lynch.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Tue, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm 🅂

☐ **THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS** O'Casey's tremendous tragi-comedy, in a justly acclaimed revival by Joe Dowling's all-Irish company.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5510). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

🅂 **HOT MIKADO** Jazz and jitterbug version of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, with Nanki-Poo a trombone player and Yum-Yum a doo-wah singer. Smash hit musical direct from Washington DC.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5044). Now previewing, 8pm opens May 24

☐ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE** Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss.

Cottage (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332)

EXOTICA (18) Inventive variations on the theme of voyeurism from quirky Canadian director Atom Egoyan.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

LITTLE ODESSA (15) Crime and punishment among Brooklyn's Russian immigrants. Ambitious and atmospheric, with Tim Roth, Maximilian Schell and Vanessa Redgrave.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG) Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DON JUAN DEMARCO** (15) Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway; written and directed by Jeremy Leven.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (0171-727 6705) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

ROB ROY (15) Lavish but lusty epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk-hero and Tim Roth heading the baddies. Michael Caton-Jones directs, with Jessica Lange, John Hurt and Brian Cox.
Odeon Leicester Sq (01426-915 683)

◆ **STREET FIGHTER** (12) Mindless action limits from the popular video game, with Jean-Claude Van Damme and the late Raul Julia. Director, Steven E. de Souza.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

◆ **BULLETS OVER BROADWAY** (15) Diverting Woody Allen comedy set in New York's theatre world of the 1920s. With John Cusack, Chazz Palminteri, Dianne Wiest.
Barbican 🅂 (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** 🅂 (0171-727 4043) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Screen/Hill** 🅂 (0171-435 3366)

◆ **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** (15) Adventures of three Irish girls in the 1950s. Highly conventional, slightly charming, with Minnie Driver and Chris O'Donnell. Pat O'Connor directs, from Maeve Binchy's novel.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss**

Carve their Nayims with pride

Radiohead had scored with *Creep*; but it took a thriller of a long-player to fill their cup in extra time



Down and out to have a good time: Radiohead reflect on a real Zaragoza of a time in pop's premier league

Those in the Know were composing litanies of praise to Radiohead two years ago. God knows where their certainty came from: after a patchy debut album and a blockbuster of a single, *Creep*, those blessed with ultimate wisdom were proclaiming them genius troubadors of those Long Dark Nights of the Soul which seem to come upon us more and more as the world spins ever faster to the dull treble-nought of the year 2000.

I was not in the Know. I crossed fields at festivals to avoid Radiohead. I snurkled and smirked at Radiohead passion. I channel-surfed to avoid their regular and increasingly jaded performances of *Creep* on every TV pop-circus. And it seems that the only people more bored and disillusioned with Radiohead than myself were, um, Radiohead.

"There was a point where we seemed to being living out the same four-and-a-half minutes of our lives over and over again," guitarist Ed O'Brien says. "It was incredibly stultifying."

Jonny Greenwood, another Radiohead guitarist, shudders. "Doing acoustic versions of *Creep* for radio station jingles," he says. "Being the *Creep* people." He shudders again.

But what does a one-hit-wonder pop band do when its hit reaches saturation point and the public, as one, turns its head? Radiohead's two follow-up singles didn't do too well *at all*, and, like last week's Arsenal v Real Zaragoza Cup Winners' Cup final, it appeared to be All Over. But then, 90 seconds from the end of Radiohead's extra-time on their 15 minutes of fame, they — like Nayim — curled a splendour-kissed ball in from the halfway line, right over the outstretched hands of the critics, and GOAL! *The Bends* hit the back of the net and all those watching could scarcely believe their eyes. It was repeated again and again. Rewind, play, rewind, play ...

The Bends is easily the greatest rock album since *Nevermind*. It very possibly over-shadows *Nevermind*. If we still had things as outdated as "eras", then *The Bends* would define it. It claws at the skies and gets clouds caught behind its nails; it grinds its hips into the ground; it burns, it soothes, it heats the blood to 1,000 degrees and watches with delight as your veins explode. There's rarely been this much *passion*, this much strip-knuckled *emotion* in a 50-minute LP. And I used to think they were poo. I have never felt so foolish in my life.

But with this much passion on display, and for the frequently homesick-for-the-womb and sick-to-the-heart-of-touring lyrics ("Mould me/Heat the pins/And stab them in/You have turned me into this/I just wish I was bulletproof ... This machine will not communicate/These thoughts/And the strain I am under ... Now I can't climb the stairs/Pieces missing everywhere /Prozac/Painkillers/When you've got to feel it in your bones"), some have proclaimed *The Bends* to be the third in the triumvirate of 1990s Depression Albums, along with Manic Street Preachers' *Holy Bible* and Nirvana's *In Utero*.



CAITLIN MORAN

It has been posited that singer Thom Yorke is manically depressed/mentally fragile/the next great rock'n'roll suicide. "Nah," Yorke says, trying to rest his elbow on the table, and missing by only a few inches. It is 2am in Rome. Radiohead's roadcrew is drinking that paint-stripper-as-a-beverage, *grappa*.

The band is sticking to red wine. Lots of it. They don't seem like they spend their free time sobbing into handkerchiefs and staring wild-eyed at the moon. They're all university graduates. They know how to relax. They are consummate professionals. And they're all charming, funny and polite. I *love* polite pop-stars. Trashing a hotel room isn't rock'n'roll, it's just a pain in the arse for some maid with kids to feed.

Anyway, Radiohead aren't going to wade into the sea with rocks in their pockets. The reason why *The Bends* seems to chart such a wealth of emotional lows with such veracity is because we have, *finally*, started to breed pop-stars who don't have to *live out* instability and depression in order to *write* about it. Radiohead are, simply, *musical* geniuses with very good imaginations.

"Some of the press has been *absurd*," Yorke says. "We get people coming up to us, quoting that line 'I wish it was the Sixties/I wish I could be happy/I wish/I wish/That something would happen' [from the song *The Bends*]. We wrote that line as a *joke*. We were taking the mickey. We all found that song *hilarious*.

"That's not to say the album's a sham — I've been through some really bad times, and I wrote about them — but I hate these self-pitying rock stars who run headlong into situations that damage them, and then whine about it. I've no sympathy. It's so easy to be miserable. Being happy is tougher — and *cooler*."

It also happens to sound marvellous on record.

● *The single* Fake Plastic Trees *is released on Monday by Parlophone. Radiohead play the Glasgow T-in-the-Park festival (Aug 5-6) and support R.E.M. on their UK dates*

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Ivanisevic picks up as Medvedev goes down

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN ROME

FUNNY things kept happening on the way to the quarter-finals of the Italian Open yesterday. The most bizarre of them involved Goran Ivanisevic and Andrei Medvedev in the only third-round match to feature two seeds. They are the third and fourteenth respectively.

Last Sunday, in wild and wintry conditions in Hamburg, they competed in the final of the German Open. Medvedev retained the title virtually unopposed in 78 minutes. Ivanisevic, during a performance which he described as "the worst of my life", won only six games in three sets.

Four days later, in seasonally warm sunshine, the roles were completely reversed. It was Medvedev who appeared disaffected and unenthusiastic. Ivanisevic, unrecognisable from the doleful character in Germany, went through 6-1, 7-6 in 71 minutes.

"When somebody beats you badly," he explained later, "you want to prove that they can't play better than you." He did so emphatically, even though his serve was more often out than in. "In Hamburg," he added, "I was mentally out of it".

Medvedev's version of events, unfortunately, went unrecorded. Officials of the ATP Tour did not think to detain him for the journalists returning from the distant court. The Ukrainian was consequently spared tennis's version of a steward's inquiry.

Richard Fromberg stands at 6ft 5ins but his past achievements are dwarfed by those of Sergi Bruguera, the reigning French Open champion. For an hour, though, the Tasmanian made a mockery of the notion that his opponent is, on clay, the hardest man in the world to beat.

They met for the first time at the same stage of the tournament in Monte Carlo last month. Then Fromberg was allowed a mere six games. At the start of their second meeting, Bruguera yielded the first set and lost all but one of his opening five service games.

Muttering to himself and scowling at his father, who doubles as his coach, he was floundering with his own game and with the obdurate Tasmanian. But everything changed after he saved yet another break point midway through the second set.

From 2-2, he reeled off nine games in a row. At the beginning of the second set Fromberg claimed only two of the first 17 points. Bruguera, relaxed where he had been aggravated, went through 1-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Fabrice Santoro, 22, a Frenchman, contributed to the oddities as well. Having made a name for himself in the first round by knocking out Pete Sampras, the defending champion and top seed, he submitted to the bottom seed, Jonas Bjorkman.

Malivai Washington was not to be left out either. He had never lost or even conceded a set to his American compatriot, Jeff Tarango. Both sequences came to an end in the only match between a couple of unseeded players.

The top half of the draw will now feature Bjorkman v Bruguera and Ivanisevic v Tarango. The bottom half will include Stefan Edberg — who overwhelmed the local hero, Corrado Borroni — in an appealing duel against Wayne Ferreia, of South Africa. Thomas Muster plays either Michaël Chang or Karol Kucera, who met last night.

The slump in Gabriela Sabatini's form grew deeper at the German Open yesterday when she was beaten by Nicole Bradtke, of Australia, 7-6, 6-4 in the third round. Mary Joe Fernandez, the No 8 seed, also went out, losing 6-2, 6-1 to Irina Spirlea, of Romania.

Man in middle gets back to basics

Russell Kempson meets the Cup Final referee who treats big games like a walk in the park



Ashby still finds contentment laying down the law on the park pitches of Worcester

Lee Jeffries was refreshingly frank about his ability as a linesman. "I'm not really sure about this offside rule," he admitted. "But I know when the ball goes out for a throw-in. I'm OK with that."

Jeffries, 13, was in good company at the Archdale 73 Club in Warndon, Worcester, on a warm May morning. His fellow guardians of the line, as Archdale 73 Reserves took on Ronkswood Celtic, were equally unsure about the game's greyest of areas. Yet, in the Worcester and District Football League Sunday third division, it is the taking part that counts.

Help was at hand, anyway, with Gerald Ashby, referee to the superstars, providing a calming, guiding influence from the middle. If his assistants faltered, he spared their embarrassment swiftly and discreetly with a split-second ruling.

Ashby, 45, will officiate when Everton play Manchester United in the FA Cup Final at Wembley tomorrow. It is a one-off reward for 24 years of refereeing, from the bare parks of rural Worcester to the cantilevered grandeur of the FA Carling Premiership. Three seasons on the Fifa list have stretched his credentials into impressive territory.

He is rarely happier, though, than when returning to his roots for a leisurely stroll amid the hangovers, pannches and curried fragrances that are integral ingredients of Sunday morning football. He is as at ease here as he will be in front of 80,000 blue and red fanatics at Wembley and a national television audience of 12 million.

"This is the sort of place where I started," Ashby said, gesturing to the spartan dressing-room and humble surrounds. "When I don't have a weekend game in the Premiership, it's good to get out and have a runaround with the rest of the lads.

"At this level, the players are still committed. They've been out enjoying themselves the night before and have got to work it off somehow. I've seen a few sights over the years but it's all part of the charm, really."

Ashby, an administration and finance manager for a chemicals company, lives in Worcester with his wife, Julia. His daughter, Lisa, 23, is a Theology student at Cambridge University. Regular appearances on the small screen, satellite and terrestrial, have gained him national repute as one of the country's leading officials and he is similarly revered locally.

It is a respect hard-earned, from changing in cluttered sheds, trudging over fields to find the pitch and clearing off the excesses of grazing sheep before battle can commence. All for £8 a game, plus 15p a mile expenses.

Ashby views the escalation of bookings and dismissals in the Premiership — match fee: £300 — as an inevitable by-product of the pre-season edict from Fifa that thou shalt not tackle from behind. "They were mandatory instructions and that put a bit more pressure on us," he conceded. "Personally, though, it is more or less my style of refereeing.

"I have a responsibility to protect the players, especially the skilful ones, and to help to promote the enjoyment and entertainment factor. If they want to play football, I'll keep out of their way, but, if they mess around or misbehave, then I will deal with them as instructed."

When these teams met at Wembley exactly ten years ago, Kevin Moran became the first player to be sent off in an FA Cup Final. When Manchester United took the trophy last season, it followed two penalty decisions that, some say, turned the game. But Ashby is not fazed by the pressure and will treat it like any other game.

"I can't ref any other way," he said. "I don't want to let anyone down and I'm going to try my damnedest to make sure it is the best performance I could ever put in."

It will be a bonus that his linesmen — Steve Bennett, 33, a teacher from Kent, and Mark Warren, 34, a police officer from Staffordshire — should know the offside law.

Rapid recovery offers Giggs a final chance

BY PETER BALL

MANCHESTER United's wingers provided good and bad news for Alex Ferguson, the manager, yesterday. Ryan Giggs trained successfully before the team travelled south for the FA Cup Final at Wembley tomorrow, but Andrei Kanchelskis reiterated his desire to leave Old Trafford.

Earlier in the week, Giggs's chances appeared slim. "He's set me a poser, he's really improved dramatically in the last three days," Ferguson said yesterday. Ferguson immediately added Giggs to the squad, and he will be in the 14 for the final, although Ferguson has not yet decided whether he will start the game.

"Whether he plays is another matter, bearing in mind he hasn't played for a month," Ferguson said. "It's a big decision, but he's a naturally fit lad and a strong possibility now."

In the absence of Andy Cole, who is cup-tied, Giggs's recovery from a hamstring injury could solve United's most pressing problem, the need for more pace in attack, so Ferguson may be tempted to risk him if he shows no reaction this morning to taking part in practice yesterday.

"Anybody coming back from a hamstring is a gamble," Ferguson admitted, "but he trained very hard runningwise on Wednesday without showing any reaction, and we will see how he reacts to the football session. If there is any tightness, then obviously we won't start him, but he will definitely be on the bench at the very least."

If Ferguson does risk Giggs, then Nicky Butt looks likely to be the man to drop down to partner Paul Scholes on the substitutes' bench. Either way, that ensures that David May's season will remain frustrating to the end.

"May is fit, and is a possible substitute, but Paul Scholes deserves to be on the bench," Ferguson said, "and if Giggs plays, whoever drops out deserves to be substitute. We are well covered defensively. Gary Neville or Roy Keane can play centre half, Lee Sharpe can go to left back, so we will have two attacking players on the bench."

If Giggs supplies pace through the middle, there is no replacement for Kanchelskis, whose injury has left a noticeable gap, making Ferguson determined to keep the Russia winger if possible. The player has other ideas, and after apparently healing the breach with the manager, his agent repeated that Kanchelskis wants to leave.

"He loves the club, he loves the players and he loves the fans," Grigory Esaylenko said, "but he cannot work with the manager. It is a personal thing, man to man. It is not a good situation."

Kanchelskis, however, signed a five-year contract last year, and Ferguson is in no mood to acquiesce. "It is very disappointing to read this on the eve of a Cup Final," the manager said.

"We don't want him to go, he is important to us on the right-hand side, and the important issue is that he signed a new contract last year. So we will just sleep on it during the summer and see what happens. I'm counting on Andrei for next season and he is very much in my plans for the future of Manchester United."

Everton also moved closer to finalising their team for the match when Joe Royle, the manager, reported yesterday that everybody was fit. Although Duncan Ferguson's match-fitness remains questionable, he has been such a talisman for Everton and such a key figure in important games, that Royle seems likely to take the risk, leaving Amokachi with the prospect of a place on the substitute's bench.

MANCHESTER UNITED SQUAD: P Schmeichel, G Neville, D Irwin, S Bruce, G Pallister, R Keane, P Ince, B McClair, L Sharpe, M Hughes, R Giggs, N Butt, P Scholes, G Walsh.

Aberdeen yesterday confirmed Roy Aitken as their new manager, three days before the first leg of the Bell's Scottish League premier division play-off against Dunfermline. Aitken, 36, has been in charge at Pittodrie in a caretaker capacity since the departure of Willie Miller.

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IN BRIEF

Cannabis users up fivefold

TESTS on British sportsmen and women last year showed a fivefold increase in the number found to have used cannabis, a police conference on drugs was told yesterday (John Goodbody writes).

Michele Verroken the Sports Council head of doping control told the Association of Chief Police Officers conference in Hinckley, Leicestershire that more than 70 competitors had tested positive for a range of drugs, from 4,250 tests administered. Positive cannabis tests rose from two in 1993-94 to ten.

Brown double

Athletics: Sandra Brown yesterday broke the women's record for racing on foot between Land's End and John o' Groat's in the week that her husband, Richard Brown, set a men's record. She arrived in John o'Groat's after 13 days 10hr 1min, beating the previous mark of 13 days 17hr 42min.

Sprint battle

Athletics: Linford Christie, Britain's world and Olympic 100 metres champion, will take on the Americans, Leroy Burrell, Carl Lewis and Dennis Mitchell in Moscow in September. The promoters, World Class, refused to reveal Christie's fee; he is said to have asked for $100,000.

Schofield out

Rugby league: Garry Schofield might have played his last game for Leeds; the former Great Britain captain was suspended yesterday for two matches and ruled out of the Premiership final against Wigan at Old Trafford. Schofield, 29, whose contract ends shortly, was sent off for the first time in his career in the semi-final.

Obree in action

Cycling: Graeme Obree, Scotland's world 4,000 metre record-holder, leads Britain's track team the World Cup in Athens this evening riding his home-made bike, on which he set therecord in 1993.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 8 Milwaukee 2; Baltimore 7 Detroit 4; Chicago 6 Oakland 4; Minnesota 7 California 3; Texas 12 Toronto 7; Seattle 4 Kansas City 0. Postponed: New York v Cleveland.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 2 Chicago 1, Philadelphia 3 Florida 1 (13 inns), Cincinnati 5 Montreal 2; Colorado 6 Atlanta 5, Houston 7 New York 2; San Diego 2 St Louis 1; Pittsburgh 3 Los Angeles 2.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: New York 96 Indiana 85 (Indiana lead best-of-seven series 3-2).

BOXING

PERUGIA, Italy: World Boxing Organisation light-middleweight championship: Gianfranco Rosi (It) bt Vernon Phillips (US, holder) pts

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Gentlemen of Hertfordshire 197-5 dec (S Ruston 121), *St Edmunds, Ware 121; Eton 192-6, *Radley 195-2; King's, Ely 253-5, King's, Peterborough 143, *St Edmunds, Ware 219-9 dec, O Edmundians 220-3 (*denotes home side).

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Sixth stage (165km, Trani to Tarente): 1, N Minali (It, Gewiss Ballan) 4hr 11min 15sec; 2, M Cipollini (It, Mercatone Uno); 3, J Svorada (Slovakia, Lampre); 4, G Lombardi (It, Polti); 5, G Catarto (It, AKI Gipiemme); 6, M Strazzer (It, Navigare) all same time. Overall positions: 1, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei GB) 24:01:54; 2, M Fondriest (It, Lampre) at 51; 3, F Casagrande (It, Mercatone Uno) 1:07

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Final, second leg: Juventus 1 Parma 1 (Parma win 2-1 on agg)

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS: Semi-finals, second leg: First division: Bolton Wanderers 2 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0 (aet; Bolton win 3-2 on agg); Reading 0 Tranmere Rovers 0 (Reading win 3-1 on agg). Second division: Brentford 1 Huddersfield 1 (aet; 1-1 on agg, Huddersfield win 4-3 on pens); Crewe 1 Bristol Rovers 1 (aet; 1-1 on agg, Bristol win on away goals). Third division: Bury 1 Preston 0 (Bury win 2-0 on agg); Chesterfield 5 Mansfield 2 (aet; Chesterfield win 6-3 on agg)

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL: Scotland 0 Australia 0 (at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock).

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Floodlit Cup Final: Banbury 0 Cinderford 1.

SKOL MIDLAND FOOTBALL COMBINATION: First division: Monica Star 0 Hams Hall 2.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Paris Saint-Germain 2 Caen 0

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Brazil 2 Israel 1 (in Tel Aviv).

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo 1 Bragantino 1; America 1 Guarani 1, Juventus 1 Aracatuba 1; Uniao São Joao 2 Rio Branco 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: Western Conference: Toronto 5 Chicago 4 (OT) (Best-of-seven series tied at 3-3); San Jose 5 Calgary 3 (Series tied at 3-3); St Louis 8 Vancouver 2 (Series tied 3-3).

HANDBALL

MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: At Reykjavik: France 28 Switzerland 18, Germany 20 Russia 17. At Hafnarfjorthur: Croatia 30 Egypt 18. At Akureyri: Sweden 21 Czech Republic 17.

MOTOR RALLYING

LONDON-MEXICO RALLY: After 32nd stage (San Jose to Managua), 1, H Mikkola (Fin) and G Palm (Swe) (Ford Escort) 7hr 44min 3sec; 2, R Dunkerton (Aus) and H Mansson (Aus) (Datsun 240Z) 7:53:48. 3, R Manth-Hurst (GB) and W Koningsveld (Holl) (Ford Escort) 8:26:50.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Poole 51 (J Crump 14, A Rossiter 11, L Gunnestad 10) Exeter 45 (M Lorani 15, A Swab 9).

TENNIS

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida: Men's tournament: Second round: G Ruseckiels (Can) bt L Jansen (US) 6-1, 6-2; N Pereira (Ven) bt I Baron (US) 6-4, 6-4; B Steven (NZ) bt S Stolle (Aus) 6-2, 6-2; M Woodforde (Aus) bt J Hlasek (Switz) 6-1, 6-2; H Gumy (Arg) bt D Wheaton (US) 6-3, 7-6; J Frana (Arg) bt M Tebbutt (Aus) 6-4, 6-4.

ROME: Men's tournament: Second round: S Edberg (Swe) bt M Rios (Chile) 6-3, 6-3; F Santoro (Fr) bt S Draxdal (Cz) 7-5, 6-7, 6-4; M Washington (US) bt M Goellner (Ger) 7-6, 5-2, B Ullrach (Cz) bt T Martin (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; W Ferreira (SA) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 6-4, 7-6; C Borroni (It) bt R Carretaro (Sp) 7-6, 7-6; M Chang (US) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-4, 6-4; A Corretja (Sp) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 3-6, 7-6, 6-0; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt R Furlan (It) 7-6, 6-1. Third round: T Muster (Austria) bt B Ullrach (Cz) 6-2, 6-2; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 5-1, 7-6, J Bjorkman (Swe) bt F Santoro (Fr) 3-6, 7-5, 6-1; S Edberg (Swe) bt C Borroni (It) 6-0, 6-2

BERLIN: Women's tournament: Second round: P Begerow (Ger) bt J Kandarr (Ger) 4-6, 6-1, 7-5, M-J Fernandez (US) bt B Rittner (Ger) 6-2, 6-2; I Spirlea (Rom) bt A Coetzer (SA) 7-5, 6-4, N Bradtke (Aus) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; A Temesvari (Hun) bt M Tu (US) 6-3, 7-6; J Halard (Fr) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 7-5, 6-1; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 6-2, 6-3; N Zvereva (Bela) bt S Waechtershauser (Ger) 6-0, 6-3, S Hack (Ger) bt M Hingis (Switz) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; K Date (Japan) bt S Meier (Ger) 6-0, 6-4.

BOURNEMOUTH: Women's British clay-court championships: First round: P Langrowe (Cz) bt P Tarabini (Arg) 6-2, 7-5; M Strandlund (Swe) bt K Nowak (Pol) 6-2, 6-2; R Dragomir (Rom) bt B Reinstadler (Aut) 7-6, 6-0, R Bobkova (Cz) bt B Schett (Aut) 7-6, 6-3, L Lee (US) bt A Ellwood (Aus) 4-7, 6-2 6-2; A Carlsson (Swe) bt K Guse (Aus) 6-2, 6-2; K Cross (GB) bt M Gardano (Arg) 6-4, 6-4, E Callens (Bel) bt L Jeffs (GB) 6-1, 6-4; L Richterova (Cz) bt K Sharpe (Aus) 6-4, 6-3, C Wood (GB) bt A Fusai (Fr) 2-6, 6-4, 7-6, C Rubin (US) bt T Krizan (Slo) 6-3, 6-2. Second round: L Lee (US) bt Miller 6-1, 6-2; E Callens (Bel) bt K Cross (GB) 6-1, 6-2; L Richterova (Cz) bt P Fendick (US) 6-3, 6-4; Rubin bt Wood 6-2, 6-1; Bobkova bt Dragomir 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. LTA Spring Satellite Masters (GB unless stated): Second round: T Larkham (Aus) bt P Hand 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, A Belobrajdic (Aus) bt R Matheson 6-3, 6-4, O Stanolchev (Bul) bt A Caspari (Ger) 6-2, 7-6, A Milligan bt J Delgado 6-3, 7-5. Third round: A Belobrajdic (Aus) bt T Larkham (Aus) 6-3, 6-4; M Maclagan bt B Curry (SA) 6-1, 6-2; O Stonochev (Bul) bt G Henderson 6-4, 6-3; J Sekulov (Aus) bt A Milligan 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, second day of four. 110 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Warwickshire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Kent
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Lancashire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Surrey
HOVE: Sussex v Essex
BRADFORD: Yorkshire v Glamorgan

Tetley Bitter Challenge
11.0, first day of three
TAUNTON: Somerset v West Indians

University match
11.0, second day of three
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
South Australia v England A (at Adelaide, 3.15am Sat)

FOOTBALL

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: FA XI v Highland League (at St Albans FC, 7.30).
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Knowles Cup: Final: Inner London v Sussex (at Thamesmead 7.45) Essex Clark Cup: Final: Waltham Forest v Barking (at Leyton Orient, 6.30).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Ford women's classic (Chart Hills, Kent).
SPEEDWAY: (7.30 unless stated): Premier League: Belle Vue v Eastbourne, Arena Essex v Swindon (8.0); Edinburgh v Hull (7.15); Oxford v Sheffield (7.45).
TENNIS: Women's British clay court championships and men's satellite tournament (Bournemouth)

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Big five prepare to reveal their hand

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

AS condemnation of the covert activities of five leading counties reached a new stridency yesterday, the unofficial committee made plans to go public with its ideas. Suspicion is running at such a level that the entire concept of a united England Cricket Board is under threat.

A press conference, to be staged at the Oval, next Thursday, will shed direct light on proposals by five counties with Test match grounds for the future of the domestic game. Thus far, rumour and leakage have been the only source of knowledge, but the unsanctioned, elitist nature of the group has led others to regard them as conniving, at best.

While the men involved, representing Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Surrey, Warwickshire and Yorkshire, played down talk of a breakaway, criticism yesterday came from the Somerset chief executive, Peter Anderson, who sits on the official sub-committee of the Test and County Cricket Board, known as the Test Match Grounds Advisory.

Anderson confirmed that the radical reformism linked with the group of five had, at no stage, been discussed in committee. "I had heard rumours and, when I asked about them, there was a deathly silence," he said. "I am saddened and angered. These are the same people who keep telling us we must go forward together. What hypocrites.

"We are very worried, at my county and at others, by the prospect that these clubs are looking to go their own way. Now that there is some money in the county game, I have committed my club to putting its house in order with new facilities, and that has involved using all our projected revenue up to the end of the century. If these people break away now, it will ruin us."

The full meeting of the TCCB, scheduled for May 31, promises passionate rather than constructive debate. Next week's official release, however, may take some of the fear and suspicion from the equation and help to convince certain of the other counties that the prime aim is not to put them out of business.

Plenty of passion was expressed at Central Hall, Westminster, on Wednesday night during *The Times*-Dillons forum on the future of English cricket. The idea of a two-division county championship, central to the group of five's vision, won broad support from both Michael Atherton, the England captain, and the former England team manager, Micky Stewart. Graham Gooch, however, was fearful of the debilitating effect on counties that found themselves in the lower division.

During a two-hour debate, attended by more than 500, Atherton suggested that the county system must exist primarily to create a successful national side. He criticised standards of coaching, proposed smaller county staffs and said that priority must be given to a county championship ahead of one-day cricket.

Somerset, whose championship prospects have been damaged by injuries to both their strike bowlers, Andy Caddick and Andre van Troost, will again be without them for the three-day game against West Indies, which starts at Taunton today. The county now has a surgeon's report on Caddick's chronic shin injury and van Troost will see a specialist about a nerve problem in his back.

Having squeezed into the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup by their emphatic defeat of Ireland this week, Somerset were yesterday drawn away to their neighbours, Gloucestershire. Kent entertain Middlesex at Canterbury, while Worcestershire must play the only side to have beaten them in a one-day game this season, Yorkshire.

Lancashire's recovery lost on all but a few

By Simon Wilde

LORD'S (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 338 for nine wickets against Middlesex

THIS is a high-profile match. Middlesex, fourth in the championship table, versus Lancashire, sixth; and nine participants with, at the least, aspirations to be included in the England party announced today. And, as usual, it showed. No television coverage, no radio broadcasts and no crowd — well, no crowd except for the usual few who use championship cricket as a social service or a pit-stop between office and home.

Nothing better illustrates why talk of sweeping reforms leading to a domestic programme in which television and money dictate terms has taken such a hold in the English game.

Nothing also better illustrated why the five counties who stage Test matches have frozen out MCC, who administer the Lord's Test match. MCC is firmly in the establishment camp, its horizons stretched no further than the internationals and one-day finals it hosts. This match was so low in the club's priorities that it was awarded a pitch at the edge of square, leaving the Tavern boundary perilously close to the 50-yard legal minimum and perhaps encouraging each side to leave out its left-arm spinner.

It was an absorbing day's play that deserved a larger audience. After Nash had dismissed Gallian in his first over, Atherton, who is making many more runs in this season's championship than he did last year, and Crawley purposefully set about retrieving the situation and put on 114 together before lunch. It was their third century partnership in a month.

Nash then had each of them caught behind, Crawley for 55 to the first ball after the interval and Atherton, who is captaining Lancashire in the absence of the injured Watkinson, for 54 to an outstanding leg-side effort by Brown. When Fairbrother, who took four fours off an over from Fraser, and Speak were out, Lancashire had subsided to 184 for five.

That they rallied so splendidly to 338 for nine by the close was principally due to Lloyd, who scored an enterprising 75 as stand-in for Watkinson, but all the tailenders contributed runs.

Lloyd was unfortunate to be out as he was, the ball bouncing off Pooley at short leg and lobbing to Ramprakash. The last four completed partnerships yielded 51, 23, 24 and 48 runs respectively.

Apart from Nash, Middlesex's bowling honours were taken by Johnson who, in his first championship appearance of the season following ankle trouble, reaffirmed his reputation for accuracy in circumstances that demanded it. Anyone who strayed in line on the side of the short boundary was invariably punished. Apart from catching Atherton and Crawley, Brown also contributed in the dismissals of Speak and Hegg.

The most extraordinary event of the day, though, was a routine catch at second slip which was put down by Carr. It was the one time that the expression of Fraser, the unfortunate bowler, lived up to his Nam-style haircut.

SCOREBOARD

LANCASHIRE: First Innings
*M A Atherton c Brown b Nash ... 54
J E R Gallian c Emburey b Nash ... 0
J P Crawley c Brown b Nash ... 55
N H Fairbrother c Nash b Feltham ... 31
N J Speak c Brown b Johnson ... 16
G D Lloyd c Ramprakash b Emburey ... 75
Wasim Akram lbw b Emburey ... 11
†W K Hegg c Brown b Johnson ... 20
P J Martin b Emburey ... 35
G Chapple not out ... 17
G Yates not out ... 7
Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 8) ... 17
Total (9 wkts, 105 overs) ... 338
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-114, 3-121, 4-155, 5-184, 6-235, 7-258, 8-282, 9-330.
BOWLING: Fraser 21-6-72-0; Nash 20-4-62-3; Johnson 22-3-68-2; Feltham 17-3-62-1; Weekes 8-2-16-0; Emburey 17-5-51-3.
MIDDLESEX: *M W Gatting, J C Pooley, M R Ramprakash, J D Carr, P N Weekes, †K R Brown, D J Nash, J E Emburey, R L Johnson, M A Feltham, A R C Fraser.
Bonus points: Middlesex 4 Lancashire 3
Umpires: A A Jones and J D Bond.



JULIAN HERBERT

Pooley, of Middlesex, takes cover as Crawley, of Lancashire, turns the ball to leg at Lord's yesterday

Ilott upstaged by Sussex recovery

By Jack Bailey

HOVE (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Essex, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 276 runs behind Sussex

PERSONAL best achievements by Mark Ilott and Ed Giddins — at opposite ends of the scale, but both noteworthy for all that — came out of the blue. Ilott's seven for 82 was reward for sustained hostility on a good pitch. The whirlwind 34 scored by Giddins underlined a substantial Sussex recovery, led by Peter Moores and Keith Greenfield, which saw them from 84 for four to a respectable 326.

The joy generated among the locals by the stand of 159 between Moores and Greenfield, which spanned the afternoon session, and by the lusty hitting of Giddins, was then enhanced by the downfall of the redoubtable Graham Gooch and Paul Prichard with only seven scored. Finally, Mark Waugh, who had arrived in the country only 36 hours previously, was out padding up to the last ball of the day.

Thus were Sussex rescued from a situation which had earlier borne all the signs of disaster. What with Ilott taking the first three wickets with only 49 on the board, including that of Allan Wells from the second ball he faced, the not unfamiliar prospect of a Sussex collapse was at hand. Ilott's opening spell had yielded three for 21 from nine overs and only the promising Keith Newell had batted with confidence.

Yet Greenfield, stoically and Moores, enterprisingly, gradually turned the innings around. Slow to bring on his spinners, Such and Childs, in tandem, Prichard was at his wit's end as the afternoon wore on. Nothing he tried could stem the steady progress which brought Greenfield to a solid half-century and Moores to 86, including a six and 12 fours, before Ilott mopped up the last four wickets.

□ Five England captains, three of whom were sacked by Peter May, will play in a memorial match for the former Surrey and England captain and chairman of selectors at Arundel on July 18.

The Peter May XI will include Mike Gatting, John Emburey and Chris Cowdrey, all of whom lost the England captaincy in 1988 while May was chairman of selectors.

Mike Atherton will play under Gatting's leadership while Alec Stewart, who has captained England twice at Test level, will lead the Surrey President's XI. Proceeds from the match will go to the London Playing Fields Society.

Lamb's innings puts Surrey on the rack

HAVING polished off Somerset on Monday with a blistering array of strokes, Allan Lamb yesterday turned his attention to the Surrey bowlers who had been bold enough to take four Northamptonshire wickets before lunch (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

They took no more, the championship leaders ending the day at 363 for four with Lamb 150 and Kevin Curran 111, their unbroken partnership worth 262. It was another personal triumph for Lamb, who went into the game averaging 100 in the championship this season. He hit 22 fours in 285 minutes while recording his 88th first-class century and 55th for the county.

Curran's century, including 18 boundaries, was only his second in 114 innings since joining Northamptonshire in 1991. He made Surrey pay dearly for a missed slip chance when he had made five. Without the injured Martin Bicknell, Surrey must be eagerly awaiting the arrival of Carl Rackemann.

Bowlers were far more successful in some of the other games. At Bradford, the Yorkshire seamers, with Craig White enjoying his best spell of the season, dismissed Glamorgan for 135. Although Steve Watkin hit back with three wickets, including that of Anthony McGrath for a duck on his debut, Michael Vaughan, with 74, kept Yorkshire in control.

Kent, who have been scoring heavily, had to struggle to reach 207 at Southampton where Hampshire, in reply, fell away to 115 for four — Robin Smith being run out for the third time this season — after an opening partnership of 78 between Terry and Morris. A maiden half-century from John Owen helped Derbyshire to 256 at Grace Road where Leicestershire lost Briers and Cronje to the bowling of Cork in reaching 73 for three.

CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Durham v Warwickshire

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 240 for two wickets against Durham

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
A J Moles c Larkins b Brown ... 90
N V Knight c Roseberry b Wood ... 89
T L Penney not out ... 40
D P Ostler not out ... 9
Extras (lb 10, nb 2) ... 12
Total (2 wkts, 96 overs) ... 240
R G Twose, *D A Reeve, †K J Piper, D R Brown, P A Smith, M A V Bell and R P Davis to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-172, 2-223.
BOWLING: Brown 23-7-63-1; Wood 14-6-25-1; Prabhakar 22-6-37-0; Betts 15-3-60-0; Boiling 22-5-45-0.
DURHAM: *M A Roseberry, W Larkins, J E Morris, J A Daley, M Prabhakar, M Saxelby, †D G C Ligertwood, J Wood, J Boiling, S J E Brown, M M Betts.
Bonus points: Durham 0 Warwickshire 1
Umpires: J C Balderstone and J H Hampshire.

Hampshire v Kent

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of four; Kent won toss): Hampshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 92 runs behind Kent

KENT: First Innings
T R Ward b Connor ... 0
*M R Benson c Aymes b Udal ... 13
N R Taylor c Terry b Udal ... 24
P A de Silva c Connor b Streak ... 28
M J Walker c Streak b Stephenson ... 9
M A Ealham c Aymes b Streak ... 23
†S C Willis run out ... 17
M M Patel c Morris b Bovill ... 17
M J McCague not out ... 36
D W Headley c Aymes b Stephenson ... 0
A P Igglesden b Connor ... 18
Extras (b 4, nb 18) ... 22
Total (82.3 overs) ... 207
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-41, 3-48, 4-61, 5-107, 6-123, 7-140, 8-157, 9-172.
BOWLING: Connor 13.3-3-52-2; Bovill 12-2-62-1; Udal 14-7-21-2; Streak 10-3-31-2; Stephenson 13-4-37-2.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings
V P Terry lbw b McCague ... 37
R S M Morris c McCague b Ealham ... 47
G W White c Willis b Headley ... 0
R A Smith run out ... 20
C A Connor not out ... 4
*M C J Nicholas not out ... 1
Extras (b 1, w 1, nb 4) ... 6
Total (4 wkts, 37 overs) ... 115
J P Stephenson, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, H H Streak and J N B Bovill to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-79, 3-103, 4-105.
BOWLING: McCague 11-4-32-1; Igglesden 6-0-33-0; Ealham 10-4-15-1; Headley 10-2-34-1.
Bonus points: Hampshire 4 Kent 2
Umpires: N T Plews and G Sharp.

Leicestershire v Derbyshire

LEICESTER (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 183 runs behind Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings
*K J Barnett b Parsons ... 11
C J Adams c Pierson b Parsons ... 44
T J G O'Gorman b Mullally ... 11
J Owen b Wells ... 50
D G Cork c Maddy b Wells ... 5
C M Wells c Wells b Cronje ... 8
P A J DeFreitas c Whitticase b Millns ... 28
T W Harrison c Whitticase b Parsons ... 2
†A D Bairstow b Millns ... 5
A E Warner b Parsons ... 43
D E Malcolm not out ... 25
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 16) ... 24
Total (72.1 overs) ... 256
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-70, 3-70, 4-81, 5-99, 6-140, 7-155, 8-166, 9-198.
BOWLING: Millns 13-0-66-2; Mullally 20-3-81-1; Parsons 19.2-5-55-4; Wells 11-3-31-2; Cronje 9-6-15-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings
*N E Briers c Wells b Cork ... 32
D L Maddy lbw b Malcolm ... 2
W J Cronje c DeFreitas b Cork ... 27
J J Whitaker not out ... 5
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 2) ... 7
Total (3 wkts, 33.2 overs) ... 73
V J Wells, B F Smith, †P Whitticase, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, A D Mullally and D J Millns to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-68, 3-73.
BOWLING: Malcolm 11-3-42-1; DeFreitas 10-6-12-0; Cork 6.2-1-13-2; Warner 6-2-5-0.
Bonus points: Leicestershire 4 Derbyshire 3
Umpires: D J Constant and V A Holder.

Northamptonshire v Surrey

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 363 for four wickets against Surrey

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings
†R J Warren c Kersey b Pigott ... 39
A Fordham c Kersey b Benjamin ... 8
R J Bailey c Kersey b Kenlock ... 23
T C Walton lbw b Pigott ... 5
*A J Lamb not out ... 150
K M Curran not out ... 111
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 2, nb 10) ... 27
Total (4 wkts, 107 overs) ... 363
D J Capel, A L Penberthy, A Kumble, J P Taylor and C S Atkins to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-80, 3-88, 4-101.
BOWLING: Benjamin 17-1-56-1; Pigott 24-6-74-2; Kenlock 18-0-67-1; Butcher 18-4-53-0; Nowell 21-3-82-0; Hollioake 13-1-36-0.
SURREY: D J Bicknell, *A J Stewart, M A Butcher, G P Thorpe, A D Brown, A J Hollioake, †G J Kersey, A C S Pigott, R W Nowell, S G Kenlock, J E Benjamin.
Bonus points: Northamptonshire 4 Surrey 1
Umpires: K J Lyons and B Leadbeater.

Sussex v Essex

HOVE (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Essex, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 276 runs behind Sussex

SUSSEX: First Innings
C W J Athey c Rollins b Ilott ... 8
J W Hall lbw b Ilott ... 10
K Newell c Waugh b Irani ... 33
*A P Wells c Gooch b Ilott ... 4
K Greenfield c Rollins b Such ... 51
†P Moores c Hussain b Such ... 86
F D Stephenson c Irani b Ilott ... 10
I D K Salisbury c Irani b Ilott ... 25
J Lewry c P J Prichard b Ilott ... 4
E S H Giddins c Irani b Ilott ... 34
E E Hemmings not out ... 7
Extras (lb 6, w 4, nb 44) ... 54
Total (90 overs) ... 326
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-49, 3-53, 4-82, 5-243, 6-250, 7-254, 8-262, 9-301.
BOWLING: Ilott 26-7-82-7; Cousins 13-2-73-0; Irani 23-0-71-1; Waugh 9-2-33-0; Such 12-2-43-2; Childs 7-2-18-0.

ESSEX: First Innings
G A Gooch lbw b Lewry ... 1
*P J Prichard c Salisbury b Stephenson ... 4
M E Waugh lbw b Giddins ... 27
N Hussain not out ... 18
Total (3 wkts, 16.4 overs) ... 50
J J B Lewis, R C Irani, †R J Rollins, M C Ilott, P M Such, D M Cousins and J H Childs to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-7, 3-50
BOWLING: Stephenson 7-1-18-1; Lewry 6-1-21-1; Salisbury 2-0-7-0; Giddins 1.4-1-4-1.
Bonus points: Sussex 4 Essex 4
Umpires: J H Harris and T E Jesty

Yorkshire v Glamorgan

BRADFORD (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are seven runs ahead of Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings
S P James run out ... 9
*H Morris c Byas b Gough ... 8
D L Hemp c Byas b Robinson ... 25
M P Maynard lbw b Robinson ... 19
P A Cottey c Blakey b Stemp ... 5
A Dale c Blakey b Gough ... 8
R D B Croft b White ... 12
H A G Anthony c Blakey b White ... 4
R P Lefebvre c McGrath b Hartley ... 18
†C P Metson not out ... 16
S L Watkin c Stemp b Hartley ... 0
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 8) ... 11
Total (54.1 overs) ... 135
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-19, 3-56, 4-75, 5-75, 6-89, 7-99, 8-108, 9-129.
BOWLING: Gough 16-6-32-2; Hartley 11.1-2-45-2; Robinson 17-6-37-2; Stemp 3-0-7-1; White 7-3-12-2.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
A McGrath c Maynard b Watkin ... 0
M P Vaughan c James b Watkin ... 74
*D Byas c Hemp b Watkin ... 45
M G Bevan c Metson b Croft ... 22
R D Stemp not out ... 0
C White not out ... 0
Extras (lb 1) ... 1
Total (4 wkts, 52 overs) ... 142
†R J Blakey, A P Grayson, D Gough, P J Hartley and M A Robinson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-96, 3-142, 4-142
BOWLING: Watkin 15-5-35-3; Anthony 14-4-36-0; Dale 7-2-28-0; Lefebvre 12-4-34-0; Croft 4-2-8-1.
Bonus points: Yorkshire 4 Glamorgan 1
Umpires: J W Holder and P Willey

Tetley Bitter Challenge

Worcs v West Indians

WORCESTER (final day of three): Worcestershire drew with the West Indians

WEST INDIANS: First Innings
S C Williams c Weston b Thomas ... 23
S L Campbell b Lampitt ... 46
B C Lara st Rhodes b Illingworth ... 78
J C Adams c Leatherdale b Thomas ... 25
*R B Richardson st Rhodes b Illingworth ... 1
S Chanderpaul not out ... 9
†J R Murray c Haynes b Thomas ... 26
W K M Benjamin c Church b Thomas ... 4
O D Gibson c Church b Thomas ... 4
I R Bishop c Weston b Illingworth ... 1
Extras (b 5, lb 11, nb 8) ... 24
Total (9 wkts dec, 65.3 overs) ... 241
R Dhanraj did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-93, 3-181, 4-193, 5-199, 6-227, 7-231, 8-239, 9-241.
BOWLING: Newport 12-2-48-0; Radford 7-1-28-0; Lampitt 16-1-49-1; Thomas 16-4-70-5; Illingworth 14.3-4-30-3.
Second Innings forfeit

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings forfeit
Second Innings
W P C Weston b Gibson ... 1
*T S Curtis not out ... 37
M J Church c Williams b Gibson ... 5
G R Haynes st Murray b Dhanraj ... 12
D A Leatherdale c Richardson b Benjamin ... 1
†S J Rhodes c Murray b Dhanraj ... 13
S R Lampitt not out ... 5
Extras (nb 12) ... 12
Total (5 wkts) ... 86
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-35, 3-57, 4-60, 5-79.
BOWLING: Bishop 6.3-0-24-0; Gibson 7-0-33-2; Benjamin 7-3-10-1; Dhanraj 6-1-19-2.
Umpires: H D Bird and D R Shepherd

University match

Oxford University v Notts

THE PARKS (first day of three; Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 303 for six wickets against Oxford University

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings
M P Dowman c Sutcliffe b Attfield ... 18
C Banton c Jarrett b Mather ... 63
J R Wileman c Gupte b Mather ... 43
G W Mike not out ... 66
*†W M Noon c Malik b Attfield ... 7
L N Walker st Jarrett b Ricketts ... 24
R T Bates c Jarrett b Malik ... 9
J E Hindson not out ... 53
Extras (b 2, lb 8, nb 10) ... 20
Total (6 wkts, 90 overs) ... 303
M G Field-Buss, D B Pennett and R J Chapman to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-132, 3-133, 4-148, 5-195, 6-223.
BOWLING: MacRobert 9-0-52-0; Mather 26-8-75-2; Attfield 36-8-76-2; Ricketts 8-1-34-1; Malik 11-3-56-1.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY: *G I MacMillan, I J Sutcliffe, C M Gupte, A C Ridley, W S Kendall, H S Malik, J M Attfield, †M E D Jarrett, A D MacRobert, J D Ricketts, D P Mather.
Umpires: A G T Whitehead and M K Reed

BAIN HOGG TROPHY: Chelmsford: Sussex 261-7 (J A North 89, D R C Law 75). Essex 170 (A J E Hibbert 65). Sussex won by 91 runs. Uxbridge: Leicestershire 265 (P E Robinson 76, J M Dakin 70); Middlesex 204 (M T Brimson 4-54). Leicestershire won by 61 runs. Headingley: Yorkshire 281-4 (S A Kellett 126, B Parker 69). Derbyshire 179-9. Yorkshire won by 102 runs.

Thomas entertains in fruitful debut

By Michael Henderson

WORCESTER (final day of three): Worcestershire drew with the West Indians.

THE touring team did not get in enough cricket here to learn very much to their advantage, and they will go to Taunton hoping the weather improves. After a sun-dappled start to the final day the curtain descended after tea, and the match was abandoned at 5pm when Worcestershire, who had been asked to make 242, were 86 for five.

Two of the wickets went to Dhanraj, the leg spinner from Trinidad, whose appearance in the team to play Somerset suggests that he is not here just to adorn the touring party. Haynes, on the charge, was stumped and Rhodes, having heaved an ungainly six over mid-wicket, attempted to replicate the stroke and skied a catch to Murray.

The West Indians, therefore, had the better of the game although the man-of-the-match award went to a Worcestershire player. Paul Thomas took five for 70 in his first match for the county, which pleased a crowd that did not have much cricket to savour. Four of his wickets came yesterday and the fact that they came from expansive strokes will not trouble the former Shropshire bowler.

When the declaration came Thomas walked off to a good hand, and a pat on the shoulder from Richardson. When he took his fifth wicket Radford had shaken him warmly by the hand which was a vast improvement on the way Thomas had celebrated his fourth wicket, exchanging palms with anyone who came within spitting distance. It seems this is now the only way cricketers can mark their successful moments. Might they not consider how others see them?

The day began with Lara playing majestic strokes on both sides although he, too, was guilty of one moment of crass behaviour. On reaching his half-century with a lovely boundary flicked off his legs, his ninth from only his 38th ball, he raised his bat instinctively to the dressing-room balcony, as if programmed to do so.

Wes Hall, the touring party's manager, would do us all a favour if he took him to one side and reminded him that, no matter how fine a batsman he is, he is not playing the game for his own benefit. He made 78 here before he was stumped by Rhodes, the ball rebounding from the wicketkeeper's gloves and dislodging the leg bail. There are better ways to go.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

York

Going: good

2.00 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, TAMURE (L Dettori, 5-4 fav), 2, Minds Music (W Ryan, 5-2), 3, Sonic Boy (Pat Eddery, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Sayeh (5th), 12 Kutta (4th). 5 ran. Nk, 2½l, 3½l, 5l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.55.

2.35 (7f 202yd) 1, CLASSICY (W R Swinburn, 5-2 fav, Richard Evans's nap), 2, Shinerolla (J Fanning, 11-2); 3, Quintus Decimus (M J Kinane, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Sheer Danzig, 8 Out On A Promise (6th), 10 Abu Simbel (4th), 12 Clifton Fox, 14 Masandros, Neverending (5th), Sticks And Stones, 16 Rokeby Bowl, 20 In Good Faith, 33 Elite Justice. 13 ran. 1½l, hd, ½l, nk, 4l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20; £2.10, £2.00, £2.50. DF: £9.00. Trio: £48.70. CSF: £17.64. Tricast: £30.65.

3.05 (6f 214yd) 1, ANNIVERSARY PRESENT (Paul Eddery, 14-1), 2, Lipizzaner (M J Kinane, 8-1); 3, Royal Rebuke (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Go Hever Golf, 5 Fame Again (5th), 10 Magna Carta, 12 Fawj, 14 Chiming In (6th), Mister Fire Eyes, Tiler, 25 Welton Arsenal (4th), 33 Impulsive Air. 12 ran. ¾l, sh hd, ½l, nk, 6l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £14.80; £2.60, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £54.00. Trio: £57.90. CSF: £116.24. Tricast: £345.74.

3.40 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, MOONAX (Pat Eddery, 11-4 fav), 2, Parthian Springs (L Dettori, 7-2), 3, Shambo (B Doyle, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Double Trigger (4th), 6 Bold Gait (6th), 10 Golden Ball, 12 Further Flight (5th). 7 ran. NR: Time Star. 1¼l, nk, nk, 3½l, 1¾l. Saeed bin Suroor in Dubai. Tote: £2.90; £1.90, £2.50. DF: £6.60. CSF: £12.35.

4.10 (6f) 1, LAKE CONISTON (Pat Eddery, 8-11 fav), 2, So Factual (L Dettori, 7-2); 3, Branston Abby (J Weaver, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Chilly Billy (4th), 14 Princely Hush, Raah Algharb (6th), 33 Zob (5th). 7 ran. 3l, 3½l, sh hd, 2l, 6l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.93.

4.40 (6f) 1, ALLIED FORCES (W Ryan, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Bahamian Knight (J Weaver, 9-4 jt-fav); 3, Brilliant Red (M J Kinane, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Mawwal (5th), Pleasant Surprise (6th), Vola Via, 12 Sueflach (4th), 14 Duo Master, Take A Left, 25 Reel Raider, Swish, 33 Mybotye. 12 ran. 2½l, ½l, 2½l, hd, 3l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £3.20. Trio: £7.20. CSF: £8.88.

5.10 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, SHERMAN (R Hills, 8-1), 2, Marsoom (W R Swinburn, 5-1); 3, Arctic Thunder (K Darley, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Airport, Taufan's Melody (5th), 8 Old Hickory, 9 Mr Confusion (4th), 14 Garden Of Heaven, 20 Ringmaster, 33 Barbaroja (6th). 10 ran. Nk, 4l, 1¾l, 2½l, 5l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £19.10; £3.00, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £52.90. Trio: £43.10. CSF: £53.22. Tricast: £127.40.

Jackpot: £6,463.40.

Placepot: £6.60. Quadpot: £4.90.

Salisbury

Going: good (good to soft in places)

2.10 (5f) 1, Repertory (R Hughes, 4-7 fav); 2, Autobabble (20-1), 3, Therhea (12-1). 9 ran. 2l, nk. M Channon. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £5.10, £3.20. DF: £18.00. Trio: £54.60. CSF: £12.92.

2.45 (1m) 1, Blaze Of Song (J Reid, 5-1 fav); 2, Danegold (14-1); 3, Kevasingo (14-1); 4, Care And Comfort (14-1). 18 ran. 8l, ½l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.30; £1.30, £2.30, £2.50, £4.40. DF: £18.50. Trio: £60.80. CSF: £65.57. Tricast: £837.67.

3.15 (6f 212yd) 1, Almaps (S Drowne, 12-1), 2, Sapphire Son (6-1), 3, Anegre (14-1). Nyali Beach 3-1 fav. 20 ran. Sh hd, ½l. R Hodges. Tote: £18.70; £5.00, £1.90, £8.50. DF: £36.90. Trio: £279.10. CSF: £80.75.

3.45 (6f 212yd) 1, Ahjay (N Adams, 10-1); 2, Mr Nevermind (12-1), 3, Pharsical (20-1), 4, Poyle Jezebelle (8-1). Astral Invader 5-1 fav. 19 ran. 1l, nk. D Wilson. Tote: £12.50; £2.80, £2.30, £5.00, £2.50. DF: £72.10. Trio: £163.80. CSF: £116.56. Tricast: £2,137.57.

4.20 (1m 4f) 1, Sebastian (A McGlone, 4-5 fav), 2, Nash Terrace (5-1); 3, Burning (3-1). 6 ran. NR: Worldnews Extra. 10l, 5l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £3.00. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.06.

4.50 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Senorita Dinero (D Holland, 8-1), 2, Glonana (13-2), 3, Eurolink Mischief (3-1 fav). 17 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. M Stoute. Tote: £11.30; £2.80, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £18.20. Trio: £29.40. CSF: £54.74.

Placepot: £86.20. Quadpot: £39.70.

Perth

Going: good to soft

1.50 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Down The Fell (J F Titley, 9-2), 2, Pagliaccio (4-1); 3, Sigma Run (11-10 fav). 13 ran. 3l, 8l. J Johnson. Tote: £4.10; £1.40, £1.20, £1.10. DF: £9.80. Trio: £2.90. CSF: £20.09.

2.20 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, Tashreef (Richard Guest, 5-1), 2, Keep Battling (3-1); 3, Funny Rose (10-1). Know-No-No 5-2 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. J Birkett. Tote: £13.60; £2.30, £1.40, £2.30. DF: £29.20. Trio: £53.80. CSF: £33.76. Tricast: £251.41.

2.55 (3m ch) 1, Basilicus (Richard Guest, 7-2), 2, Timanfaya (10-1), 3, Romany Creek (11-8 fav). 7 ran. 2l, ¾l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £3.60; £2.30, £3.20. DF: £16.00. CSF: £30.52.

3.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Gemikosix (J Callaghan, 4-1), 2, Grandman (11-4); 3, Master Bracken (6-2 fav). 9 ran. NR: Crofton Lake, Fox Sparrow. 5l, 2½l. Mrs K Walton. Tote: £5.30; £1.60, £1.20, £1.20. DF: £6.70. Trio: £11.20. CSF: £13.85.

4.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Johns The Boy (J Supple, 20-1), 2, Father O'Brien (13-8 fav), 3, Nicholas Plant (7-4). 8 ran. 2l, 30l. N Mason. Tote: £15.60; £2.50, £1.20, £1.20. DF: £21.90. CSF: £50.40. Tricast: £81.82.

4.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Ruber (Mr D Parker, 3-1), 2, Risky Dee (11-4); 3, More Joy (8-1). The Major General 7-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Rypie. 20l, 15l. R Thomson. Tote: £4.60; £2.30, £1.90. DF: £7.30. CSF: £10.67.

5.00 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Golden Drum (A P McCoy, 6-4 fav); 2, Adamatic (8-1); 3, Anastasia Windsor (12-1). 13 ran. NR: Nishvamitra. 15l, 20l. J Edwards. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £3.70, £3.80. DF: £20.60. Trio: £42.90. CSF: £14.54.

Placepot: £15.00. Quadpot: £9.80.

Wednesday's late details

Huntingdon

Going: firm

6.35 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Easby Mandrina (N Williamson, 10-11 fav); 2, Truss (10-3); 3, Jimmy The Gillie (7-2). 4 ran. 7l, 14l. S Kettlewell. Tote: £2.00. DF: £3.20. CSF: £4.10.

7.05 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, No Light (L Harvey, 9-4 fav); 2, Weather Alert (4-1); 3, Wessex Warrior (9-2). 5 ran. NR: Suivez. 2l, 1¼l. Mrs I McKie. Tote: £3.10; £2.20, £1.80. DF: £6.60. CSF: £10.22.

7.35 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Count Barachois (R Supple, 15-2); 2, Henley Regatta (10-1); 3, Upward Surge (5-2 jt-fav). Flowing River 5-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 8l, 1½l. Mrs E Heath. Tote: £10.50; £1.70, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £48.80. Trio: £15.40. CSF: £70.31.

8.05 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Karar (L Aspell, 11-4); 2, Just One Canaletto (2-1 fav); 3, Meadow Cottage (9-4). 7 ran. 3l, dist. R Rowe. Tote: £3.70; £1.50, £1.80. DF: £3.90. CSF: £8.43.

8.35 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Miss Haggis (P Hide, 7-4); 2, Fieldridge (4-1); 3, Barford Lad (10-11 fav). 5 ran. 4l, 13l. J Gifford. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £2.30. DF: £4.20. CSF: £9.12.

Placepot: £20.20. Quadpot: £8.70.

Perth

Going: good

6.50 (3m ch) 1, Uron V (P Niven, 5-4 fav); 2, Buia Nuday (9-1); 3, Unor (3-1). 7 ran. 20l, 20l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £4.00. DF: £9.40. CSF: £11.38.

7.20 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Temple Garth (B Grattan, 12-1); 2, Bluebell Track (20-1); 3, Sakura (6-1 jt-fav). Artam 5-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. ¾l, 20l. P Beaumont. Tote: £9.10; £2.80, £10.00, £4.00. DF: £540.90. Trio: not won. CSF: £207.16. Tricast: £1,240.56.

7.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Precipice Run (M Dwyer, 2-1 fav); 2, Rodeo Star (9-4), 3, Fordstown (16-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 25l. G Richards. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £1.60. DF: £2.60. CSF: £6.69.

8.20 (2m ch) 1, Rawaan (A S Smith, 11-4); 2, St Elmo's Fire (8-11 fav); 3, Gortnamona (11-1). 6 ran. 5l, 25l. N Tinkler. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £1.90. CSF: £5.07.

8.50 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Hot Punch (D Thomas, 4-1); 2, Abbot Of Furness (2-1 fav), 3, Explore Mondial (11-4). 4 ran. 6l, 12l. H Alexander. Tote: £4.20. DF: £3.10. CSF: £11.70.

Placepot: £89.70. Quadpot: £55.90.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER
6.00 Arfey. 6.30 Storm Falcon. 7.00 Alqairawaan. 7.30 Mr Jamboree. 8.00 Dubit. 8.30 Duke Of Dreams.

Brian Beel: 8.00 Dubit.

GOING: GOOD SIS

6.00 TERRY SANDERS & SON LTD NOVICES HURDLE (£2,230: 2m 1f) (16 runners)
1 -321 ARFEY 16 (F) T Thomson Jones 6-11-7 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 221 FLAWED LOGIC 14 (CD,B,F) M Pipe 4-11-2 ... R Dunwoody
3 -061 KIWI CRYSTAL 16 (D,F) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-2 ... R Greene
4 04 BATTLE AIR 14 M Pipe 7-11-0 ... J Lower
5 00P BIG TICKLE 10 G Ham 6-11-0 ... G Hogan (5)
6 /0-P GALAXY ABOUND 56 A Barrow 7-11-0 ... B Powell
7 5-P0 PALACE PARADE 58 N Ayliffe 5-11-0 ... Mr Richard White (7)
8 0P PERSONAL TASTE 9 O Carter 6-11-0 ... D Gallagher
9 00 BLUE NIGHT 67 Mrs E Scott 6-10-9 ... W McFarland
10 -4 CASSCA 10 N Thomson 10-10-9 ... D Morris
11 66 CRAVATE 11 Mrs J Mills 5-10-9 ... Mrs J Mills
12 00- FRONTRUNNER 349 P Hobbs 7-10-9 ... Peter Hobbs
13 05P2 GINGER JIM 32 P Hedger 4-10-9 ... C Llewellyn
14 PLUM FANCY 41P R Frost 7-10-9 ... J Frost
15 0S-U VEXFORD MODEL 14 V Greenway 5-10-9 ... M Foster
16 0-00 WIN A HAND 20 B Ryall 5-10-9 ... S Lyons (3)
2-1 Flawed Logic, 9-4 Arfey, 7-2 Kiwi Crystal, 10-1 Battle Air, 12-1 Ginger Jim, 14-1 Frontrunner, 16-1 others.

6.30 HIGHBURY NOVICES CHASE (£2,814: 2m 110yd) (9)
1 4321 BLACK HORSE LAD 17 (F,S) Mrs J Retter 11-11-8 ... A P McCoy
2 2531 CORPUS 13 (D,F) R Hodges 6-11-8 ... A Tory
3 -P00 LEANDER LAD 10 John Bowen 10-11-2 ... G Hogan (5)
4 002F PIONEER PETE 46 (BF) R Frost 8-11-2 ... J Frost
5 20F3 ROCQUAINE 14 (G) B Scriven 9-11-2 ... Mr R Johnson (7)
6 PU11 STORM FALCON 10 (CD,G) S Mellor 5-11-2 ... Chris Webb (7)
7 0005 LOCH GARANNE 10 (S) R Buckler 7-10-11 ... B Powell
8 FP25 NORTHERN OPTIMIST 17 (F) B Llewellyn 7-10-11 ...
9 P4PP TOLL BRIDGE 32 D Minty 8-10-11 ... S Lyons (3)
5-4 Storm Falcon, 3-1 Black Horse Lad, 4-1 Corpus, 6-1 Pioneer Pete, 14-1 Rocquaine, Northern Optimist, 16-1 others.

7.00 J C MILTON ELECTRICALS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,709: 2m 6f) (8)
1 1113 ALQAIRAWAAN 17 (CD,BF,F) C Mann 6-12-0 ... C Llewellyn
2 0F44 MYHAMET 58 (D,G,S) P Hobbs 8-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs
3 0031 HOSTILE WITNESS 14 (F,S) (C) P Hedger 5-10-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 4112 SURCOAT 10 (CD,BF,F,S) R Baker 8-10-7 ... B Powell
5 6P11 BLASKET HERO 10 (B,CD,F,G) Mrs S Williams 7-10-6 (7ex) ... S Lyons (3)
6 3PF6 KHAZARI 23 (G,S) R Brotherton 7-10-3 ... J R Kavanagh
7 -431 VISION OF FREEDOM 14 (F,G) (C) W Reed 7-10-0 ... A P McCoy
8 P5P4 BE MY-HABITAT 14 (F,S) Mrs A Knight 8-10-0 ... S Burrough
5-4 Alqairawaan, 9-2 Myhamet, 5-1 Hostile Witness, 6-1 Blasket Hero, Khazari, 8-1 Surcoat, 12-1 others.

7.30 END OF SEASON HANDICAP CHASE (£4,418: 2m 5f) (6)
1 1111 MR JAMBOREE 7 (D,F,G) K Bailey 9-12-1 (5ex) ... A Thornton
2 05UP ERRANT KNIGHT 20 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 11-11-9 ... R Dunwoody
3 2404 SMARTIE EXPRESS 34 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 13-11-0 ... A Tory
4 4353 BROUGHTON MANOR 10 (B,BF,DF,G,S) P Hobbs 10-10-6 ... M A Fitzgerald
5 PP31 CHIP AND RUN 21 (F,S) Mrs J Retter 9-10-0 ... A P McCoy
6 P100 ABBOTSHAM 9 (C,F,G,S) O Carter 10-10-0 ... D Gallagher
4-5 Mr Jamboree, 4-1 Errant Knight, 6-1 Chip And Run, 8-1 Smartie Express, Broughton Manor, 20-1 Abbotsham.

8.00 MIKE HOWARD & DICK SPENCER MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,530: 3m 2f 110yd) (11)
1 U145 CHARDEN 27 (G,S) J Muffins 9-12-7 ... Lt-Col R Webb-Bowen (7)
2 3221 DUBIT 10 (V,F,S) R Winslade 10-12-3 ... Miss S Vickery (7)
3 U113 LITTLE LEMON 20P (CD,F,G,S) Mrs K Horsburgh 11-12-2 ... L Jefford (7)
4 2F43 BATSI 41P (S) Mrs E Hoe 11-11-7 ... Mr T Greed (7)
5 U213 GOOD KING HENRY 10 (G) Miss A Howard-Chappell 9-11-7 ... I Widdicombe (7)
6 FPPP JUST SILVER 13 B Randell 10-11-7 ... S Malcolm (7)
7 5351 LISLARY LAD 6P (F,G,S) L Bowles 15-11-7 ... R Johnson (7)
8 U232 LONESOME TRAVELLER 20P (S) Mrs M Hand 6-11-7 ... Mrs A Hand (7)
9 3441 TRANQUIL WATERS 11P (F,G,S) Mrs C Lawrence 9-11-7 ... G Penfold (7)
10 35P1 TRY IT ALONE 13P (F,G,S) M Biddick 13-11-7 ... Richard White (7)
11 0/36 WILL SHE WONT SHE 6P (BF) J Liver 9-11-2 ... R Treloggen (3)
5-2 Dubit, 7-2 Lislary Lad, 6-1 Good King Henry, 8-1 Charden, 10-1 Batsi, Lonesome Traveller, Tranquil Waters, 12-1 Little Lemon, 14-1 Will She Wont She, 20-1 others.

8.30 FINAL FLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,041: 2m 1f) (10)
1 3311 ROCA MURADA 10 (CD,V,F,G) P Hobbs 6-12-1 (7ex) ... M A Fitzgerald
2 /4-2 SPORT OF FOOLS 14 (CD,G,S) W Reed 6-11-10 ... A P McCoy
3 P050 CHARCOAL BURNER 158 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Retter 10-11-8 ... D Gallagher
4 /1-6 MR WOODLARK 89 (S) R Frost 8-11-6 ... J Frost
5 0565 THE EXECUTOR 14 (CD,F) M Pipe 5-11-5 ... R Dunwoody
6 1356 FRANKUS 21 (D,F,G,S) S Mellor 6-11-1 ... Chris Webb (7)
7 4534 GLOWING PATH 11 (CD,F,S) R Hodges 5-10-7 ... W McFarland
8 6010 DUKE OF DREAMS 21 (CD,F) R Baker 5-10-2 ... B Powell
9 0002 I REMEMBER YOU 11 Mrs R Henderson 5-10-0 ... Mr W Henderson
10 0PPU JUMPING JUDGE 23 N Thomson 8-10-0 ... A Thornton
9-4 Roca Murada, 4-1 The Executor, 5-1 Sport Of Fools, 6-1 Frankus, 6-1 Charcoal Burner, Duke Of Dreams, 10-1 Glowing Path, 14-1 I Remember You, 16-1 Mr Woodlark, 25-1 Jumping Judge.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Hobbs, 35 winners from 124 runners, 28.2%; M Pipe, 101 from 361, 28.00%; O Carter, 5 from 23, 21.7%; W Reed, 3 from 16, 18.8%; K Bailey, 8 from 44, 18.2%; B Llewellyn, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 51 winners from 174 rides, 29.3%; Peter Hobbs, 23 from 103, 22.3%; C Llewellyn, 13 from 60, 21.7%; A Thornton, 3 from 17, 17.6%; D Morris, 4 from 26, 15.4%; D Gallagher, 8 from 55, 14.5%.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Tamure, nearside, masters Minds Music in the closing stages of the Michael Seely Memorial Glasgow Stakes at York yesterday

Tamure takes chance at Epsom

By Julian Muscat

THE Glasgow Stakes at York, run in memory of Michael Seely, the former racing correspondent of *The Times*, attracts the sort of field over which the man himself would have dwelt at length. It is often an intriguing contest: a less recognised trial than the Dante Stakes but one with definite Derby overtones.

Commander In Chief landed the prize before his Epsom triumph for Henry Cecil two years ago. And Tamure, the winner yesterday, now attempts to follow suit after the John Gosden trainee circled his field to deny Minds Music by a neck.

Asked if Tamure would run at Epsom, Gosden said: "We'll have to talk to Michael Seely first. We're waiting for his word; for his oracle." Seely's advice would have been blunt. Run, and be damned. He would also have noticed that Sebastian, who made Tamure earn his Newmarket victory two weeks ago, made hacks of his opponents at Salisbury later in the day.

As the race unfolded, Tamure, a lengthy son of Sadler's Wells, looked in trouble when Lanfranco Dettori appeared trapped against the far rail. Willie Ryan, riding Minds Music, seized the advantage when he drove hard for the line. But Tamure, switched to the outside by Dettori, cut back the deficit and, racing with plenty of zest, quickly collared his rival to took command in the closing strides.

"In the circumstances I was impressed that he managed to get up," Gosden said of Tamure, who conceded 4lb to Minds Music. "He quickens well but he is still very inexperienced. I would have liked him to have run as a two-year-old, but we'll have a go at the Derby. Why not?" Unbeaten in three outings this season, Tamure will do himself justice at Epsom unless the ground is fast.

Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Tamure's owner, Sheikh Mohammed, will be part of a large Maktoum entourage on Derby Day. In addition to Tamure, the Dubai family will be represented by Pennekamp, Munwar, probably Vettori and possibly Lammtarra.

Moments after Tamure's victory, Stroud recalled of Seely's last visit to Dubai: "He was riding a free-running camel when a falcon took flight and frightened the camel, which promptly threw him off. Seely must have been 60 years old. I was quite worried but the next time I saw him he was breezing along on a windsurfer in the general direction of Iran."

One of racing's finest sights is that of a thorough stayer in full cry, as Moonax was in the closing stages of the Yorkshire Cup. Last year's St Leger winner, who has developed into an imposing four-year-old, added another colourful feather to the Godolphin plumage in dismissing Parthian Springs with an authority approaching contempt.

Moonax will now rejoin the Barry Hills stable for a campaign centred around the Ascot Gold Cup. If his jockey, Pat Eddery, is to be believed, Moonax all but has that prize at his mercy. "He was only playing out there," Eddery said. "He had his ears pricked for most of the race." Not since Ardross have the staying races been dominated by one horse. Moonax has the ability to end the drought.

A horse of similar potential among sprinters is Lake Coniston, who inflicted a rare reversal for the Godolphin team when he outclassed So Factual in the Duke Of York Stakes over six furlongs. As with Moonax, the most strenuous aspect to Eddery's cut of the purse was his mounting and dismounting Lake Coniston. The four-year-old made all the running to come home clear by 3½ lengths.

Epsom-based Geoff Lewis, who earlier saddled Anniversarypresent to win the William Hill Handicap Stakes, hinted at the high aspirations held for Lake Coniston. "It would have been a pipe-dream shattered if he was beaten here. You could race this horse up the M4, the M3 or up the Thames; he goes on any ground." The best of them share that trait.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: NIGHT HERO
(3.50 Newmarket)

Next best: Sharp Rebuff
(5.25 Newmarket)

Richard Evans landed his nap at York yesterday with Classicy (5-2), while Thunderer gave five of the seven winners including Classicy, Moonax (11-4) and Allied Forces (9-4).

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

2.15 Omara. 2.50 Billy Bushwhacker. 3.20 Pride Of May. 3.50 Epagris. 4.20 Smart Guest. 4.55 Jellaby Askhir. 5.25 Allison's Mate.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 BILLY BUSHWHACKER.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.50 Epagris.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND DITCH MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,386: 6f) (10 runners)

1 (10) CLASSIC FLYER S Williams 8-11 ... A Mackay –
2 (5) DARK TRUFFLE Mrs J Cecil 8-11 ... G Duffield –
3 (9) DIL DIL R Hannon 8-11 ... R Cochrane –
4 (2) GALINE W O'Gorman 8-11 ... Emma O'Gorman –
5 (1) NAISSANT C Brittain 8-11 ... G Hind –
6 (6) OMARA H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan –
7 (7) PALOMA BAY M Bell 8-11 ... M Fenton –
8 (3) 4 POLISH BEAR B S Meehan 8-11 ... B Doyle –
9 (4) THRILLING DAY N Graham 8-11 ... W R Swinburn –
10 (8) 6 VICTORIA VENTURE 32 S Woods 8-11 ... T Ives –

6-4 Omara, 5-1 Paloma Bay, 6-1 Dil Dil, 7-1 Naissant, 8-1 Dark Truffle, 10-1 Classic Flyer, 12-1 others.

2.50 NGK SPARK PLUGS HANDICAP
(£8,150: 7f) (12)

1 (10) 6-20 CLASSIC SKY 16 (D,F,G) B Hanbury 4-9-0 ... M Rimmer 95
2 (12) -000 REALITIES 16 (CD,F,G) G Harwood 5-8-13 W R Swinburn 91
3 (6) 2-40 MASNAD 16 (F) R Armstrong 4-8-12 ... R Price 86
4 (5) 2-30 BELFRY GREEN 16 (CD,F,G) C Horgan 5-8-11 ... W Ryan 95
5 (11) 0-00 NEW CAPRICORN 16 (B,D,F,G,S) M Jarvis 5-8-7 ... M Fenton 94
6 (9) 00-5 GYMCRAK PREMIERE 30 (D,F,G,S) G Holmes 7-8-5 ... G Duffield 90
7 (7) 0-01 SASEEDO 13 (C,F,G) W O'Gorman 5-8-5 ... Emma O'Gorman 97
8 (3) -006 BAND ON THE RUN 11 (B,CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 8-8-3 ... F Norton 92
9 (8) 0-50 CZARNA 16 (D,S) C Brittain 4-8-2 ... B Doyle 98
10 (1) 02-0 MADLY SHARP 34 (F) J Watts 4-8-1 ... J Fanning 91
11 (4) 43-1 BILLY BUSHWACKER 11 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-0 (3ex) R Cochrane ⊕
12 (2) -510 SHEPPARD'S CROSS 27 (D,G,S) P Walwyn 4-8-0 ... M Henry (7) 95

11-4 Billy Bushwacker, 4-1 Belfry Green, 6-1 Classic Sky, 7-1 Saseedo, 8-1 Czarna, Gymcrak Premiere, 10-1 Band On The Run, 12-1 others.

3.20 MITSUBISHI MT-9 HANDICAP
(£5,796: 1m 6f) (10)

1 (1) 11-0 TRANS SIBERIA 31 (CD,F,G,S) S Woods 4-9-13 W Ryan 95
2 (2) -262 ARTIC COURIER 11 D Cosgrove 4-9-11 ... M Rimmer 96
3 (3) 6-00 STONEY VALLEY 21 (F,G) J Jenkins 5-9-7 ... D Biggs 98
4 (4) 6-02 PARADISE NAVY 11 (B,G) C Egerton 6-9-6 A Procter (5) 98
5 (8) 2231 DVORAK 10 (F) B McMath 4-9-2 (4ex) ... A Mackay 97
6 (9) 2042 PRIDE OF MAY 12 (B,F) R Hannon 4-9-0 W R Swinburn 95
7 (10) -000 ISMENO 20 S Dow 4-8-12 ... G Duffield ⊕
8 (5) 50-6 ISLAND BLADE 31 (D,F,G,S) R Akehurst 6-8-8 ... S Sanders (3) 95
9 (6) -003 REQUESTED 17 (D,F,G) P Burgoyne 8-8-2 D R McCabe (3) 94
10 (7) 0-00 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 23 (D,G) W Musson 5-7-12 ... F Norton 90

7-2 Island Blade, 9-2 Artic Courier, 5-1 Paradise Navy, 6-1 Stoney Valley, 7-1 Dvorak, 8-1 Pride Of May, 10-1 Trans Siberia, 12-1 others.

3.50 KING CHARLES II STAKES
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £11,826: 7f) (7)

1 (3) 5-32 FIRE DOME 15 (BF,G) T Mills 8-12 ... T Ives 91
2 (6) 22-4 MUHAB 11 (CD,G,S) P Walwyn 8-12 ... B Duffield 87
3 (7) 12- NIGHT HERO 202 (C,F,BF) M Stoute 8-12 W R Swinburn 80
4 (4) 1-25 EPAGRIS 12 (C,G) H Cecil 8-7 ... W Ryan ⊕
5 (5) 14- KARAYB 300 (F) D Morley 8-7 ... R Cochrane 78
6 (1) 1-50 SHEFOOG 16 (D,S) R Armstrong 8-7 ... R Price 78
7 (2) 1 WARNING SHADOWS 30 (CD,F) C Brittain 8-7 B Doyle 86

7-4 Epagris, 7-2 Karayb, 5-1 Muhab, 6-1 Shefoog, 7-1 Fire Dome, 10-1 Night Hero, 12-1 Warning Shadows.

4.20 SONIA CONNOLLY MEMORIAL CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,785: 1m) (11)

1 (3) 10-0 SMART GUEST 30 (G,S) M Bell 9-7 ... M Fenton ⊕
2 (5) DANEHILL CHIEF M Jarvis 9-5 ... G Duffield –
3 (6) 006- GOOD 247 D Thom 9-3 ... D R McCabe (3) –
4 (11) 0-00 HONG KONG DOLLAR 22 (B) B Meehan 8-9 ... B Doyle 80
5 (1) 5-05 MOST WELCOME NEWS 17 J Jenkins 8-9 ... D Biggs 70
6 (4) 00- DISMISSIVE 189 J Scargill 8-8 ... C Domergue (7) –
7 (7) 150- EQUILIBRIUM 242 (F) J Hills 8-4 ... R Cochrane 86
8 (10) -500 MAGIC LEADER 8 T Clement 8-1 ... S Lanigan (7) 70
9 (8) 06-0 MILES AWAY 24 J Fanshawe 8-0 ... F Norton 77
10 (9) 066- KEEP QUIET 202 W Musson 7-10 ... A Mackay 89
11 (2) -320 WOODRISING 18 (B) Lady Herries 7-10 ... G Bardwell 92

2-1 Smart Guest, 9-2 Equilibrium, 6-1 Danehill Chief, 7-1 Woodrising, 8-1 Keep Quiet, 10-1 Miles Away, Hong Kong Dollar, 12-1 others.

4.55 ASHLEY MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,542: 1m 4f) (11)

1 (7) 03 DAHLENBURG 11 J Gosden 9-0 ... G Hind 89
2 (5) 0- EELIOUS 234 C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle 80
3 (4) EUROLINK SHADOW L Cumani 9-0 ... G Mitchell (7) –
4 (10) JELLABY ASKHIR H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan –
5 (3) 00 MENSHAAR 11 J Gosden 9-0 ... D R McCabe (3) 74
6 (9) OPAQUE L Cumani 9-0 ... O Urbina (3) –
7 (1) 20-0 TAJAR 20 D Morley 9-0 ... R Cochrane ⊕
8 (2) WHAT'S SECRETO P Kelleway 9-0 ... M Wigham –
9 (8) 0 COGGLE 32 N Graham 8-9 ... M Fenton –
10 (11) KYMIN L Cumani 8-9 ... Jo Hunnam (7) –
11 (6) LARROCHA L Cumani 8-9 ... W R Swinburn –

3-1 Jellaby Askhir, 7-2 Opaque, 4-1 Eurolink Shadow, 7-1 Dahlenburg, 8-1 Tajar, 10-1 Kymin, 12-1 others.

5.25 TUDDENHAM LIMITED STAKES
(£4,815: 7f) (14)

1 (5) 5315 ALLINSON'S MATE 13 (D,F,G) T Barron 7-9-0 G Duffield 98
2 (1) 4060 ORTHORHOMBUS 6 (B,D,F,G) D Cosgrove 6-9-0 ... M Rimmer 88
3 (11) -004 AWESOME VENTURE 10 (D,S) M Chapman 5-8-11 ... C Munday (7) 80
4 (8) 12-0 BLOCKADE 48 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M Bell 6-8-11 ... M Fenton 90
5 (7) 44-0 CASPIAN GOLD 34 (D,G) C Allen 4-8-11 ... T Ives –
6 (10) 000- CHEVEUX MITCHELL 230 (D,F,G) P Kelleway 8-8-11 ... M Wigham –
7 (13) -006 KINDERGARTEN BOY 10 (D,F,G) R Boss 4-8-11 W Ryan 89
8 (6) 300- LORD ALFIE 328 (D,F,G) B Meehan 6-8-11 ... B Doyle 75
9 (3) -402 MOLLIEEB 6 (V,C,G) Pat Mitchell 5-8-11 ... J Fanning 92
10 (14) 000- PRIZEFIGHTER 230 (C,D,F,G) S Gollings 4-8-11 F Norton 95
11 (9) -322 SHARP REBUFF 15 (D,G) P Makin 4-8-11 W R Swinburn ⊕
12 (2) 0405 FRISKY MISS 77 (F,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-9 ... D R McCabe (3) 89
13 (12) 150- MARBONNE 247 (S) B McMath 4-8-8 ... R Cochrane 85
14 (4) 6-00 ON Y VA 81 (D,G,S) R Williams 8-8-6 ... D Biggs 92

4-1 Sharp Rebuff, 9-2 Blockade, 5-1 Allinson's Mate, 7-1 Frisky Miss, Prizefighter, 8-1 On Y Va, Kindergarten Boy, 10-1 others

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THUNDERER

2.00 Elementary. 2.30 Silvicolous. 3.00 Statius. 3.30 Just Bob. 4.00 Rushen Raider. 4.30 Trazl. 5.05 Veloce. 5.35 Chief Minister.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 STATION ROAD CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,128: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

1 0 LAWFUL LOVE 30 T Donnelly 5-9-2 ... J Tate (3) 10
2 1422 ELEMENTARY 25 (D,BF,F,G) N Walker 12-8-12 ... J Stack (5) 2
3 1304 KIMBERLEY BOY 7 (D,F,G) M Brittain 5-8-12 ... K Fallon 4
4 3616 PHARAMINEUX 8 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 9-8-12 ... J Fortune 9
5 0-40 SHABANAZ 12 (B,S) W Muir 10-8-12 ... J Carroll 3
6 0 WASSL'S GUEST 13 R Marvin 4-8-11 ... M Tebbutt 8
7 0600 GREEK NIGHT OUT 30 (F) Mrs V Aconley 4-8-7 ... M Deering 1
8 60-0 NEWGATE BUBBLES 20 B Murray 4-8-5 ... Dean McKeown 7
9 0-05 DON'T CRY 8 Don Enrico Incisa 7-8-1 ... Kim Tinkler 6
10 4850 GOLDENBERRY 77 J Parkes 4-8-1 ... L Charnock 5

6-4 Elementary, 3-1 Pharamineux, 3-1 Shabanaz, 5-1 Kimberley Boy, 16-1 Greek Night Out, 40-1 Goldenberry, 50-1 Lawful Love, Don't Cry, 100-1 others.

2.30 GORDON FOSTER MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,206: 1m) (12)

1 50- LIFE'S A DANCE 228 D Nicholls 4-9-10 ... Alex Greaves 4
2 238- SUN MARK 186J Mrs S Austin 4-9-10 ... J Marshall 12
3 00 CROSS TALK 31 R Hollinshead 3-8-12 ... A Garth (3) 1
4 DIAMOND CROWN B Hanbury 3-8-12 ... J Stack (5) 5
5 00- ENCHANTED COTTAGE 275 M Hammond 3-8-12 Dale Gibson 3
6 0- IKTASAB 205 E Dunlop 3-8-12 ... S Whitworth 7
7 NORTHERN TROVE G Moore 3-8-12 ... M Tebbutt 2
8 5-2 SILVICOLOUS 11 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-12 ... B Thomson 11
9 06 STAND TALL 34 C Thornton 3-8-12 ... Dean McKeown 8
10 4 STATISTICIAN 13 John Berry 3-8-12 ... M Birch 10
11 4- ITAB 317 E Dunlop 3-8-7 ... J Tate (3) 6
12 0 OLERON 30 J Norton 3-8-7 ... A Culhane 9

7-4 Silvicolous, 3-1 Itab, 9-2 Statistician, 7-1 Diamond Crown 8-1 Sun Mark, 10-1 Iktasab, Stand Tall, Life's A Dance, 14-1 others.

3.00 DICK PEACOCK SPRINT HANDICAP
(£4,971: 6f) (17)

1 34-0 BOURSIN 123 (C,D,F,G) P Calver 6-9-13 ... Dale Gibson 10
2 -110 WHITE SORREL 56 (D,BF,G) A Harrison 4-9-11 J Stack (5) 12
3 0-34 NED'S BONANZA 13 (CD,BF,F,G) M Dods 6-9-9 S Whitworth 8
4 0-00 BENZOE 18 (D,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-7 ... K Fallon 15
5 0230 ELLE SHAPED 6 (F,G) D Nicholls 5-9-7 ... Alex Greaves 1
6 0-54 THICK AS THIEVES 11 (D,F,G) Ronald Thompson 3-9-3 ... Dean McKeown 13
7 00-4 GENERAL GUBBINS 18 (D,F) J Hetherton 4-9-1 ... B Thomson 9
8 0-03 BRECONGILL LAD 20 Miss S Hall 3-8-11 ... N Connorton 11
9 112- INVIGILATE 246 (D,F,G) Martyn Wane 6-8-10 ... J Tate (3) 4
10 000- MATISSE 172 J Bethell 4-8-9 ... J Carroll 2
11 3322 STATIUS 4 (BF) T Barron 3-8-9 ... J Fortune 17
12 000- HEART BROKEN 241 (D,G) J FitzGerald 5-8-7 ... L Charnock 16
13 1600 GREEN'S BID 4 (D,G) D Chapman 5-8-7 ... A Culhane 5
14 0-05 TUTU SIXTYSIX 9 (V,F,G) Don Enrico Incisa 4-8-5 Kim Tinkler 3
15 4-40 EURO REBEL 32 (B,D,F) M H Easterby 3-8-4 ... M Birch 6
16 6000 DOUBLE GLOW 13 (F,G) N Bycroft 3-7-10 ... N Kennedy 14
17 0000 COALISLAND 10 (V,S) R Ingram 5-7-7 ... Darren Moffatt (3) 7

5-1 Elle Shaped, 11-2 Statius, 6-1 Ned's Bonanza, 7-1 Thick As Thieves, 8-1 Brecongill Lad, General Gubbins, 12-1 others.

3.30 KILBURN HANDICAP (£4,570: 5f) (13)

1 00-0 HIGH DOMAIN 13 (D,G,S) T Barron 4-10-0 Jenny Benson (7) 4
2 0000 JUST BOB 13 (C,D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 6-9-13 ... J Stack (5) 13
3 0-51 COOL EDGE 14 (D,F) M Tompkins 4-9-6 ... P Robinson 5
4 2106 TENOR 13 (CD,G) D Nicholls 4-9-3 ... Alex Greaves 1
5 21-0 SUPERPRIDE 57 (S) T Barron 3-9-1 ... J Fortune 12
6 0-61 MY ABBEY 13 (CD,F) E Alston 6-8-12 ... K Fallon 3
7 1100 SIR TASKER 13 (CD,F,G) J L Harris 7-8-8 ... J Carroll 7
8 0-00 THE FED 13 (D,F,S) R Whitaker 5-8-8 ... A Culhane 8
9 00-0 RANKAIDADE 44 (D,S) Don Enrico Incisa 6-8-6 Kim Tinkler 10
10 1506 SHADOW JURY 28 (B,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 5-8-6 ... Dean McKeown 9
11 2400 SONDERISE 9 (V,CD,G,S) N Tinkler 6-8-1 ... T Williams 11
12 00-0 BARBEZIEUX 29 (D,F,G,S) M Dods 8-7-10 ... Dale Gibson 6
13 40-3 LADY SHERIFF 13 (B,D,F) M W Easterby 4-7-10 L Charnock 2

9-2 My Abbey, 13-2 Tenor, 7-1 Just Bob, Superpride, 8-1 Sir Tasker, Lady Sheriff, 9-1 The Fed, 12-1 others.

4.00 MOWBRAY SELLING STAKES
(Div I: £2,646: 7f) (10)

1 0-05 DANTE'S RUBICON 23 J Bethell 4-9-7 ... J Carroll 4
2 0-00 GANT BLEU 13 (CD,F,G,S) R Whitaker 8-9-7 ... A Culhane 5
3 -064 MY GODSON 7 (F,S) F O'Mahony 5-9-7 ... T Williams 8
4 400- RED SLANEY 233 (B) R Akehurst 4-9-7 ... B Thomson 10
5 0000 ROSINA'S FOLLY 30 J L Harris 4-9-2 ... P McCabe (5) 2
6 0006 DAILY CHALLENGER 25 Ronald Thompson 3-8-10 ... Dean McKeown 3
7 4600 FAIRY'S SON 6 D Nicholls 3-8-10 ... Alex Greaves 7
8 0-00 KINGS VISION 11 (D,G) B Rothwell 3-8-10 ... J Stack (5) 9
9 60-00 RUSHEN RAIDER 6 K Hogg 3-8-10 ... A Daly (7) 1
10 0-0 FRECKLES KELLY 11 M H Easterby 3-8-5 ... M Birch 6

9-4 Rushen Raider, 5-2 Kings Vision, 5-1 Freckles Kelly, 7-1 Dante's Rubicon, 8-1 My Godson, Daily Challenger, 12-1 others.

4.30 EASINGWOLD MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,276: 1m) (8)

1 -302 DANCE KING 29 D Nicholls 9-0 ... Alex Greaves 8
2 0-60 GOOD MATCH 22 N Tinkler 9-0 ... Kim Tinkler 5
3 443- MAGICAL BLUES 235 (BF) K Ivory 9-0 ... J Stack (5) 4
4 5-05 SMOLENSK 17 J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 6
5 40-0 BALLARD LADY 41 J Wainwright 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 1
6 056- BELLE OF THE BALL 237 E Dunlop 8-9 ... J Tate (3) 3
7 64-4 SHEAMA 22 W Jarvis 8-9 ... B Thomson 2
8 66-0 TRAZL 21 J Dunlop 8-9 ... J Fortune 7

5-2 Sheama, 3-1 Trazl, 9-2 Smolensk, 5-1 Dance King, 6-1 Magical Blues, 7-1 Belle Of The Ball, 12-1 Good Match, 66-1 Ballard Lady

5.05 MOWBRAY SELLING STAKES
(Div II: £2,646: 7f) (9)

1 5220 JAMAICA BRIDGE 39 (BF,G) S Norton 5-9-12 ... J Stack (5) 6
2 3060 RESPECTABLE JONES 24 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 9-9-7 ... A Eddery (7) 8
3 5400 VELOCE 8 (V,D,F,G) A Bailey 7-9-7 ... J Fortune 9
4 0 WHITE KNOWLE 10 P Dalton 5-9-2 ... L Charnock 2
5 000- GORAM'S GIRL 244 Mrs A Swinbank 3-8-5 ... N Connorton 4
6 630- JHAN JEON 238 R Fahey 3-8-5 ... A Culhane 7
7 05- MILLTOWN CLASSIC 281 J Parkes 3-8-5 ... – 5
8 0003 OKAY BABY 15 M Tompkins 3-8-5 ... P Robinson 1
9 0-04 RED RIVER ROSE 8 (B,G) N Littmoden 3-8-5 ... T G McLaughlin (5) 3

4-5 Veloce, 4-1 Goram's Girl, 8-1 Okay Baby, 8-1 Jhan Jeon, 12-1 others.

5.35 HELMSLEY HANDICAP (£5,588: 2m) (5)

1 2-20 THUNDERHEART 9 (D,F) L Cumani 4-9-13 ... K Fallon 5
2 10-2 SHADIRWAN 28 (BF,G) R Akehurst 4-9-8 ... B Thomson 4
3 350- CHIEF MINISTER 13J (F,S) T Dyer 6-9-6 ... J Fortune 2
4 0015 ARGYLE CAVALIER 9 (D,F,G,S) M Johnston 5-8-13 J Carroll 1
5 65-2 VAIN PRINCE 7 (B,D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-7-8 ... L Charnock 3

7-4 Shadirwan, 5-2 Argyle Cavalier, 7-2 Chief Minister, 4-1 Thunderheart, 14-1 Vain Prince

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

2.05 Bakers' Gate
2.40 Hear The Music
3.10 Tarhhib
3.40 Phantom Gold
4.10 **ZARALASKA** (nap)
4.40 Pistol

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 **TARHHIB** (nap). 4.10 Zaralaska.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M STRAIGHT, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.05 CONNELL WILSON MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,663. 1m str) (21 runners)

101 (19) 5-0 ARCATURA 27 (A Waldie) C James 9-0 ... W Newnes 72
102 (10) 2 BAKERS' GATE 10 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... L Dettori 91
103 (16) EARLY PEACE (Mohamed Suhail) R Hannon 9-0 ... R Perham –
104 (21) 05- FIRE BLAST 203 (G Samaghi) L Cumani 9-0 ... C Hodgson (3) 80
105 (13) 22-0 HOH EXPRESS 10 (HOH Supply Ltd) I Balding 9-0 ... K Darley ⊕
106 (15) LAUDATION (Highflyers) G Balding 9-0 ... J Williams –
107 (17) 4- MAJOR CHANGE 203 (Mrs C J Powell) R Hannon 9-0 ... Dane O'Neill (7) 82
108 (18) 0 PEATSVILLE 28 (P Taplin) M Channon 9-0 ... R Hughes –
109 (8) 0 RESTRUCTURE 18 (BF) (M Myers) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... Paul Eddery –
110 (12) SALAMANDER KING (HRH Princess Michael of Kent) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid –
111 (6) SEJAAL (Mirza Al Sayegh) J Dunlop 9-0 ... R Hills –
112 (3) 0- TOAT CHIEFTAIN 220 (K Wills) G Harwood 9-0 ... M Perrett –
113 (20) 0- TWICE PURPLE 252 (Mathieson Partnership) B Meehan 9-0 ... A Clark –
114 (2) DR FRANCES (R Berenson) C C Elsey 8-9 ... C Rutter –
115 (1) 0 EDUASION 15 (K Higson) G L Moore 8-9 ... B Rouse –
116 (4) 23- LATCHING 245 (BF) (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 87
117 (5) 0 LOBANA 28 (Ziad A Galadari) J Hills 8-9 ... J Weaver 78
118 (9) MASAAFAAT (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-9 ... D Holland –
119 (14) NASHOTAH (Sheikh Mohammed) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... D Harrison –
120 (7) D- PETRA'S STAR 258 (Hon Mrs D M Whitfield) M Heaton-Ellis 8-9 ... B Carter 77
121 (11) RED MORNING (Mrs A Pickup) D Elsworth 8-9 ... S Drowne (5) –

BETTING: 2-1 Bakers' Gate, 5-1 Hoh Express, 7-1 Masaafaat, 8-1 Salamander King, 10-1 Fire Blast, Nashotah, 12-1 Restructure, Lobana, 16-1 others.

1994: DOVER STRAITS 9-0 L Dettori (6-5 fav) J Gosden 26 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARCATURA 15l 10th of 24 to Lyrikos in maiden over course and distance (good). BAKERS' GATE 1l 2nd of 11 to Mezaan in maiden at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). HOH EXPRESS ½l 2nd of 19 to Court Of Honour in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good) penultimate start, Sep 1994. MAJOR CHANGE about 3l 4th of 13 to Blue Ocean in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good) with FIRE BLAST 2½l 5th. RESTRUCTURE 13l 8th of 20 to Krystallos in maiden at Windsor (1m 67yd, good). EDUASION 8½l 7th of 11 to Yam in maiden at Salisbury (1m, good to firm). LATCHING 7l 3rd of 10 to Museum in conditions race here (7f, soft). PETRA'S STAR 8½l 7th of 20 to Deceive in maiden at Kempton (6f, good).
Selection: BAKERS' GATE

2.40 HIGHCLERE STUD FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES BBC2
(2-Y-O: £4,648: 5f 34yd) (7 runners)

201 (2) 211 UNCONDITIONAL LOVE 16 (D,F) (Mrs H Conroy) M Johnston 9-1 ... D Holland ⊕
202 (7) 215 KANDAVU 18 (CD,G) (Mrs H Corn) M McCormack 8-11 ... A Clark 85
203 (4) 22 HEAR THE MUSIC 11 (BF) (Lady Harrison) B Hills 8-8 ... R Hills 98
204 (5) 2 MARL 18 (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 8-8 ... L Dettori 84
205 (3) 513 SATELLITE STAR 12 (D,F) (Express Newspapers Plc) M Channon 8-8 ... R Hughes 81
206 (6) PIGEON HOLE (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-5 ... Pat Eddery –
207 (1) QUEEN'S MUSIC (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-5 ... C Rutter –

BETTING: 9-4 Unconditional Love, 4-1 Hear The Music, 9-2 Marl, 6-1 Kandavu, 13-2 Queen's Music, 7-1 Pigeon Hole, 10-1 Satellite Star.

1994: LIMERICK BELLE 8-11 J Carroll (4-1) J Berry 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, completed double, beat World Premier 4l in 7-runner conditions race at Ascot (5f, good to firm). KANDAVU beat Lussuria 2l in 8-runner auction maiden over course and distance (good) penultimate start. HEAR THE MUSIC 2l 2nd of 6 to Dovebrace in Haydock maiden (5f good to firm). MARL neck 2nd of 9 to Anotheranniversary in Windsor conditions race (5f, good) with KANDAVU (4lb better off) about 1½l 5th. SATELLITE STAR 8½l 3rd of 6 to Ortolan in conditions race at Salisbury (5f, good to firm). PIGEON HOLE (foaled Apr 11). Half-sister by Green Desert to several winners, notably Niche, juvenile group race winner and runner-up in the 1000 Guineas; dam half-sister to Ascot Gold Cup winner Little Wolf. QUEEN'S MUSIC (Mar 27). Half-sister by Dixieland Band to Aim For The Top, group race winner at two, and Splendent, winner of the Gimcrack Stakes.
Selection: UNCONDITIONAL LOVE (nap)

3.10 WOODHAY CONDITIONS STAKES BBC2
(3-Y-O: £8,202: 6f 8yd) (10 runners)

301 (8) 2136-11 SERGEYEV 32 (D,F,G) (B Stewart-Brown) R Hannon 9-5 ... R Hughes 88
302 (7) 4450-00 SILCA BLANKA 13 (D,G,S) (P Savill) M Channon 9-4 ... K Darley 87
303 (9) 12-0 BAHITH 34 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-13 ... N Carlisle 87
304 (4) 145554- GREAT BEAR 209 (G) (Lady Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 8-13 ... J Reid 90
305 (5) 4125-12 BAADERAH 26 (D,G) (Sheikh A Al-Maktoum) L Cumani 8-12 ... L Dettori ⊕
306 (1) 215-442 HINTON ROCK 11 (BF,F) (Sir Thomas Pilkington) M Bell 8-12 ... J Weaver 90
307 (6) 6125-41 OVERBROOK 11 (D,F,G) (Sir William Purves) I Balding 8-12 ... Pat Eddery 88
308 (3) 0212-05 NAGNAGNAG 11 (D,G,S) (Sir Clement Freud) S Dow 8-8 ... Paul Eddery 87
309 (2) 13 TARHHIB 12 (BF,C,F) (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 8-8 ... R Hills 95
310 (10) 14322-6 VELVE HOORNAERT 11 (D,F) (B Lalemant) R Hannon 8-6 ... G Carter 94

BETTING: 3-1 Tarhhib, 4-1 Sergeyev, 5-1 Baaderah, 6-1 Hinton Rock, 7-1 Overbrook, Bahith, 10-1 others.

1994: MUTAKDDIM 9-3 W Carson (6-1) J Gosden 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SERGEYEV beat Weltoo Arsenal 1l in 9-runner conditions race at Kempton (6f, good to firm) with OVERBROOK (2lb better off) 3l 4th. SILCA BLANKA 14l 9th of 11 to Pennekamp in Madagans 2000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). BAHITH 14l 9th of 10 to Two O'Clock Jump in Kempton listed race (1m, good to firm). BAADERAH 1l 2nd of 9 to Olimpia Dukakis in group B race in Rome (1m, good to firm). HINTON ROCK about 2½l 4th of 5 to Mind Games in Haydock listed race (5f, good) penultimate start. OVERBROOK beat Al Rawda ½l in 6-runner conditions race at Kempton (6f, good to firm) with NAGNAGNAG (6lb better off) 5l 5th and VELVE HOORNAERT (4lb better off) 3l 6th. TARHHIB neck and short-head 3rd of 7 to Peace Envoy in conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm).
Selection: TARHHIB

3.40 VODAFONE GROUP FILLIES TRIAL STAKES BBC2
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £12,380: 1m 2f 6yd) (8 runners)

401 (7) 1823-40 FLEET HILL 12 (G) (Mrs A Ferguson) M Channon 8-12 ... R Hughes 91
402 (6) 30-5 BINT ZAMAYEM 9 (Sir Eric Parker) B Hills 8-9 ... R Hills 84
403 (5) 401-00 BRING ON THE CHOIR 12 (S) (B Gover) R Boss 8-9 ... K Darley ⊕
404 (3) 105-426 DEE-LADY 27 (F) (Mrs M Teversham) W G M Turner 8-9 ... T Sprake 87
405 (1) 31-3 PHANTOM GOLD 16 (BF,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... J Weaver 97
406 (8) 12-0 SPOUT 34 (BF,G) (Lady Rothschild) R Charlton 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 95
407 (4) 41-6 STRUTTING 16 (G) (M Grant) R Hannon 8-9 ... J Reid 85
408 (2) 9-1 WHITE PALACE 17 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... D Harrison 84

BETTING: 5-2 Phantom Gold, 11-4 White Palace, 7-2 Spout, 11-2 Bring On The Choir, 6-1 Fleet Hill, 14-1 Strutting, 16-1 Dee-Lady, 25-1 Bint Zamayem.

1994: WIND IN HER HAIR 8-12 R Hills (8-13 fav) J Hills 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLEET HILL 3l 4th of 13 to Subya in listed race at Kempton (1m, good to firm) with BRING ON THE CHOIR 3½l 7th and SPOUT 4½l 10th. BINT ZAMAYEM 10½l 5th of 7 to Dance A Dream in listed race at Chester (1m 3f 79yd, good to firm). BRING ON THE CHOIR 7½l 9th of 14 to Harayir in Madagans 1000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with FLEET HILL (3lb worse off) 3½l 13th. DEE-LADY 1l 2nd of 4 to Bunting in conditions race at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm) penultimate start. PHANTOM GOLD 2½l 3rd of 10 to A La Carte in conditions race at Ascot (1m, good to firm) with STRUTTING 6l 6th. WHITE PALACE beat Celtic Fringe 1l in an 8-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to firm).
Selection: PHANTOM GOLD

4.10 MIDGHAM HANDICAP (£5,998: 1m 4f 5yd) (12 runners)

501 (3) 2/43140- WHITECHAPEL 195 (D,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 7-10-0 ... J Weaver 93
502 (7) 01000-1 GONE FOR A BURTON 48 (F,S) (H Carrington) P Makin 5-9-12 ... K Darley 98
503 (2) 43-0 SEA FREEDOM 23 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-9-8 ... J Williams 87
504 (6) 65-02 ZARALASKA 18 (Fittocks Stud) L Cumani 4-9-6 ... L Dettori 95
505 (9) 40/000-2 SEREN QUEST 17 (BF,F) (Fairy Story Partners) R Akehurst 5-9-6 ... Pat Eddery 96
506 (12) 511100- PERSIAN ELITE 226 (F) (Elite Racing Club) P Cole 4-9-5 ... J Reid 90
507 (4) 2-22254 SHADOW LEADER 12 (D,S) (J Blackshaw) Miss A Whitfield 4-9-5 ... R Palmer (5) 95
508 (11) 05030-0 PEMBRIDGE PLACE 34 (S) (Lady Cohen) J Dunlop 4-9-4 ... G Carter 95
509 (10) 34180-3 FARRINGDON HILL 20 (B,D,F) (J Wallis) W Hern 4-9-3 ... Paul Eddery 94
510 (1) 1/12-014 BAYRAK 23 (BF,D,G) (A Reid) M Ryan 5-8-12 ... A Clark ⊕
511 (5) 5240-00 RISING SPRAY 15 (J Heritage) C Horgan 4-8-4 ... R Hills 98
512 (6) 3422-06 LA SPEZIA 12 (CD,F,G) (D Sloan) M Blanshard 5-7-9 ... M Baird (5) 93

BETTING: 4-1 Zaralaska, 5-1 Seren Quest, 6-1 Shadow Leader, 7-1 Gone For A Burton, 8-1 Pembridge Place, 10-1 Bayrak, Farringdon Hill, 12-1 others.

1994: LA SPEZIA 4-8-1 M Roberts (16-1) M Blanshard 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHITECHAPEL beat allort last term beat Royal Seaton short-head in 15-runner Ascot handicap (1m 4f, good to soft). GONE FOR A BURTON beat Red Valerian ¾l in 15-runner Warwick handicap (1m 3f, good to soft). SEA FREEDOM 3½l 3rd of 13 to Golden Ball in Newmarket maiden (1m 4f, good) penultimate start, Aug 1994. ZARALASKA 1l 2nd of 14 to Hazard A Guess in Pontefract handicap (1m 2f, firm). SEREN QUEST ¾l 2nd of 11 to Hill Farm Dancer in Bath handicap (1m 3f 144yd, good). SHADOW LEADER about 1¾l 4th of 13 to Blaze Away in Salisbury handicap (1m 6f, good to firm) with LA SPEZIA (6lb better) 7¾l 6th. BAYRAK beat Fox Sparrow 5l in 6-runner Thirsk conditions race (1m 4f, good) penultimate start.
Selection: GONE FOR A BURTON

4.40 MAY HANDICAP (£4,471: 1m 2f 6yd) (17 runners)

601 (11) 0/50-055 UNCLE OSWALD 16 (F) (Minrod Company) R Hannon 4-10-0 ... Dana O'Neill (7) ⊕
602 (1) 00010-1 CLOUDED ELEGANCE 17 (D,F,G,S) (Lady S Clutton) Lady Herries 5-10-0 K Darley 94
603 (12) 6/010-00 WINDRUSH LADY 32 (C,D,G,S) (Mrs H Corr) M McCormack 5-10-0 ... M Perrett 90
604 (8) 1534P- SMART GENERATION 224 (G) (G Ward) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-13 ... J Reid 91
605 (4) 604215- THE FRENCH FRIAR 202 (CD,S) (Theo Waddington) G Balding 4-9-12 ... R Hills 96
606 (3) 212800- VIRTUAL REALITY 251 (D,F) (Ash Partnership) A Hide 4-9-9 ... A McGlone 94
607 (15) 2302-03. BEAUMAN 11 (S) (M Lawrence) P Evans 5-8-8 ... W Newnes 88
608 (13) 60400- XOATHARY 261 (E S Gadsden) L Cottrell 4-9-6 ... D Harrison 87
609 (14) 0/06 CAERLE LAD 18 (K Bochanan) G Harwood 4-9-6 ... A Clark 88
610 (9) 2-641 OKAVANGO 8 (V,D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-5 (5ex) ... L Dettori 97
611 (5) 4/4610-5 LESLEY'S FASHION 10 (D,F) (B Stokes) D French Davis 4-9-2 ... Pat Eddery 96
612 (7) 050-1 BOLD LOOK 20 (D,F) (The Bold Team) P Harris 4-8-13 ... D Holland 98
613 (17) 54-0024 PISTOL 16 (G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 5-8-11 ... Paul Eddery 98
614 (2) 06-0016 BOOKCASE 15 (D,F,G,S) (Adept Ltd) D Elsworth 8-8-8 ... J Williams 94
615 (15) 5403-4 DUSK IN DAYTONA 22 (B Ross) C James 3-8-0 ... S Raymont 91
616 (10) 00/400 CHEVELEY DANCER 25 (G Jackman) D Wilson 7-7-7 ... N Adams 95
617 (6) 060/05/ JARZON DANCER 813J (B Foulkes) D Wilson 7-7-7 ... Rachael Moody (7) –

Long handicap: Cheveley Dancer 7-4, Jarzon Dancer 5-12.

BETTING: 9-2 Okavango, 11-2 Clouded Elegance, 6-1 The French Friar, 7-1 Lesley's Fashion, 8-1 Bold Look, 10-1 Pistol, 12-1 Beauman, Uncle Oswald, 14-1 others.

1994: ROYAL SEATON 5-9-10 D Holland (25-1) B Millman 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLOUDED ELEGANCE beat Moonlone 1l in 12-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm). SMART GENERATION 7¾l 4th of 15 to Ringmaster in Ascot handicap (1m 2f, good to soft) penultimate start, Sep 1994. THE FRENCH FRIAR beat Godwin head in 22-runner course and distance maiden (good to soft) penultimate start, Oct 1994. BEAUMAN neck and 7l 3rd of 4 to Slasher Jack in Haydock handicap (1m 4f, good to firm). OKAVANGO beat Built For Comfort 9l in 4-runner Brighton maiden (1m 2f, firm). LESLEY'S FASHION about 2½l 5th of 10 to Son Of Sharp Shot in Chester handicap (1m 2f, good to firm). BOLD LOOK beat Porte Belloch neck in 18-runner Leicester handicap (1m 2f, good to firm). PISTOL about 1¼l 4th of 25 to Deevee in Ascot handicap (1m, good to firm) with UNCLE OSWALD (2lb better) neck 5th.
Selection: OKAVANGO

NEWBURY SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Chapple-Hyam, 30 winners from 98 runners, 30.6%; J Gosden, 27 from 118, 22.9%; L Cumani, 12 from 53, 22.6%; Lady Herries, 6 from 30, 20.0%; W Hern, 5 from 32, 15.6%; R Charlton, 15 from 104, 14.4%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 8 winners from 33 rides, 18.2%; Pat Eddery, 42 from 240, 17.5%; L Dettori, 32 from 191, 16.8%; J Reid, 34 from 216, 15.7%; D Harrison, 11 from 56, 10.7%; R Hills, 6 from 82, 13.4%.

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NEWBURY
BBC2

2.40: Unconditional Love is a progressive filly who has routed the opposition at Beverley and Ascot. Mark Johnston's filly recorded a decent time at Ascot but wandered in the closing stages. **Hear The Music** could be a value bet. Backed at long odds on her debut, she just failed to beat the well regarded Incarvillea at Newmarket. Her subsequent second to Dovebrace at Haydock was boosted when the winner beat Lucayan Prince at York. Pigeon Hole, a half-sister to Niche, and Queen's Music are two interesting newcomers.

3.10: Sergeyev has improved significantly since last term and did particularly well to win at Kempton last month, having been trapped in the starting stalls then overcome trouble in running. His successes, however, mean he carries an 8lb penalty. By contrast, John Gosden's **Tarhhib** is well treated and should appreciate stepping back in distance after finishing third to Peace Envoy at Newmarket. Great Bear had some decent form last year.

3.40: Phantom Gold is crying out for this trip and should appreciate the easier ground after a good third behind A La Carte at Ascot. She won a mile maiden at Sandown last Autumn by five lengths on good to soft ground and success here would enhance her classic aspirations. Spout would have sound claims judged on her second in the May Hill Stakes last year, but she looks a difficult ride. Bring On The Choir appeared to show improved form when ninth, beaten less than eight lengths, in the 1,000 Guineas. If that form is to be believed, she is the main threat.

Richard Evans



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

STRATFORD

THUNDERER

6.15 Good Fetch. 6.45 Scotton Banks. 7.15 Henry Cone. 7.45 Whatagale. 8.15 Sheer Jest. 8.45 Oh So Bright.

Brian Beel: 8.15 Sheer Jest.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

6.15 CRIMSCOTE MARES NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£2,283: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

1 1P GOOD FETCH 202 (F) R Stronge 4-11-0 ... I Lawrence
2 RP06 AUNTIE CHRIS 7 J Allen 5-10-12 ... J Lodder
3 00-4 BECKY BOO 18 Mrs L Murphy 5-10-12 ... W Marston
4 PP DINGLE COPSE 38 S Christian 5-10-12 ... G Upton
5 0P30 GUNNER BE GOOD 41 J Cresswell 5-10-12 ... T Eley (3)
6 46-6 JENNYELLEN 72 M Pipe 6-10-12 ... L Reynolds (7)
7 -605 KILLY'S FILLY 3 J Bradley 5-10-12 ... R Farrant
8 00 MISS CARANGE 10 A Dunn 7-10-12 ... M Hourigan
9 PPP- NOTHEH ROD 384P W G M Turner 10-10-12 ... M Griffiths (7)
10 R OTUS 37 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-10-12 ... M Ireland (7)
11 0-00 RISKY BID 177 Miss H Knight 5-10-12 ... J F Titley
12 -840 SAXON MAGIC 7 (V) J Bennett 5-10-12 ... L Harvey
13 55/ STAR THYME 743 J Mackie 8-10-12 ... R Supple
14 025 ARAFEL 22F C James 4-10-7 ... S McNeill
15 32 MISS MAH-JONG 4F (BF) J White 4-10-7 ... D Bridgwater
16 0 REIGNING ROYAL 28 D Burchell 4-10-7 ... D J Burchell
17 000 SERAPHIC 13 B Cambidge 4-10-7 ... Gary Lyons

5-2 Jennyellen, 4-1 Miss Mah-Jong, 7-1 Otus, 8-1 Risky Bid, 10-1 Good Fetch, Saxon Magic, 12-1 others

6.45 CHARLES LEA MEMORIAL TROPHY NOVICES CHASE
(£4,055: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 F611 MUGONI BEACH 14 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 10-11-11 ... L Harvey
2 P311 SCOTTON BANKS 7 (CD,G,S) M H Easterby 6-11-11 ... L Wyer
3 051F MULLINGAR 34 (F) J Charlton 6-11-5 ... K Johnson
4 -315 NOCATCHIM 99 (B,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-11-5 ... D Bridgwater
5 6121 OVER THE POLE 22 (G) J Gifford 8-11-5 ... P Hide
6 -6P6 HOPE THATCH 14 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-10-13 ... R Greene
7 -P0P LLANELLY 181 Graeme Roe 8-10-8 ... R Bellamy
8 3202 POLLERTON'S PRIDE 13 (V,G,S) W Clay 8-10-8 ... R Farrant

7-4 Scotton Banks, 2-1 Mugoni Beach, 3-1 Over The Pole, 8-1 Mullingar, 12-1 Nocatchim, 25-1 Hope Thatch, Pollerton's Pride, 50-1 others.

7.15 HALFORD HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,600: 3m 3f) (11)

1 2300 SAYYURE 51 (F,G,S) J White 9-11-10 ... D Bridgwater
2 P511 HENRY CONE 6 (G) D Nicholson 8-11-5 (6ex) ... W Marston
3 U604 DAGAZ 13 (G) B Cambidge 9-11-4 ... Gary Lyons
4 2314 FARMER'S CROSS 23 (D,G,S) P Beaumont 11-11-1 ... Mrs A Farrell
5 2020 WARFIELD 6 (S) P Nicholls 8-11-1 ... Guy Lewis (5)
6 -653 RIVERTINO 13 (G) P Mitchell 11-11-0 ... J Railton
7 3803 ST VILLE 10 (D,G,S) R Buckler 9-10-10 ... G Supple (7)
8 5230 BOOGIE BOPPER 10 (V,S) M Pipe 6-10-6 ... D Burrows (7)
9 0042 DEVIL'S CORNER 28 H Webb 7-10-4 ... S McNeill
10 0P55 HAGAR 22 (G) J Charlton 6-10-2 ... K Johnson
11 3040 LAW FACULTY 20 G Ham 6-10-0 ... R Massey (5)

7-4 Henry Cone, 6-1 Warfield, 7-1 Farmer's Cross, 8-1 Devil's Corner, St Ville, 10-1 Rivertino, 12-1 others.

7.45 TOM PETTIFER HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,053: 3m) (8)

1 2112 UNHOLY ALLIANCE 6 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-10 J F Titley
2 FP0F WIND FORCE 21 (D,F,G) G Richards 10-11-7 ... M Dwyer
3 2612 VELEDA II 21 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 8-10-10 Mr D Parker (3)
4 -121 NO MORE TRIX 14 (F,G,S) T Tate 9-10-7 ... R Garritty
5 4F64 WHATAGALE 168 (C,D,F,G) O Sherwood 8-10-0 ... J Osborne
6 1341 REAL PROGRESS 32 (D,G,S) P Hobbs 7-10-0 ... G Tormey (5)
7 -F23 MR SETASIDE 20 (D,S) J Mackie 10-10-0 ... R Supple
8 14P2 ARMALA 144 (BF,F,G,S) J Gifford 10-10-0 ... L Aspell (7)

5-2 Wind Force, 7-2 Unholy Alliance, 4-1 No More Trix, 6-1 Veleda II, 7-1 Real Progress, 10-1 Mr Setaside, 12-1 others.

8.15 GAY SHEPPARD MEMORIAL HUNTERS' CHASE (Amateurs: £2,164: 3m) (9)

1 1212 SHEER JEST 23 (C,D,F,G,S) W Warner 10-12-10 ... A Hill (3)
2 13P3 THE BLUE BOY 13 (B,F,G,S) P Bowen 7-12-10 ... D Duggan (7)
3 P31U SANDYBRAES 7 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) D Nicholson 10-12-7 ... F Hatsby (7)
4 U340 FRAMPTON HOUSE 20 (S) A Peachey 13-12-0 ... W Greatrex (7)
5 RR13 GOOD TEAM 32P (B,S) D Crossland 10-12-0 ... D Crossland (7)
6 22U2 INDIAN KNIGHT 10 (F,G) C Green 10-12-0 ... C Vigors (7)
7 U213 TOMPET 11P (CD,F,G) Mrs C Hicks 9-12-0 ... R Hicks (7)
8 -UU6 WELLINGTON BROWN 7 (D,F,G,S) J Mitchell 11-12-0 ... Mrs C Mitchell (7)
9 5-PP CRUISING ON 73 (S) B Goodall 8-11-9 ... C Stockton (7)

5-4 Sheer Jest, 2-1 Sandybraes, 6-1 The Blue Boy, 10-1 Indian Knight, 12-1 Tompet, 16-1 Wellington Brown, 20-1 others.

8.45 RADWAY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,143: 2m 6f 110yd) (13)

1 11 OH SO BRIGHT 32 (F,S) O Sherwood 6-11-1 ... J A McCarthy
2 250 BUSKING ALONG 51 (B) F Murphy 6-11-0 ... D Bridgwater
3 00 CASTLE MAGIC 211 Mrs M McCourt 5-11-0 ... G McCourt
4 0 CREDIT CONTROLLER 274 J Ffitch-Heyes 6-11-0 J Neaves (7)
5 34 DREAM HERE 7 G Balding 7-11-0 ... S Fox (5)
6 0P GRASS ISLAND 80 T Casey 6-11-0 ... J Osborne
7 -260 JAPACADA 48 S Mellor 5-11-0 ... N Mann
8 16/0 NEVER LET ON 22 (G) M Bradstock 7-11-0 ... P Holley
9 P-PP HI DUCHESS 6 G Ham 8-10-9 ... R Greene
10 00-0 JOYFUL RUNNER 204 P Webber 5-10-9 ... R Bellamy
11 50PP MALFORD MADAM 25 M Sheppard 5-10-9 ... G Upton
12 STEEL VALLEY D Burchell 7-10-9 ... D J Burchell
13 -300 WINNOW 141 J White 5-10-9 ... P McLoughlin (3)

Evens Oh So Bright, 5-1 Dream Here, 8-1 Japacada, 10-1 Winnow, Busking Along, Never Let On, 12-1 Steel Valley, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

NEWMARKET: Trainers: H Cecil, 49 winners from 270 runners, 18.1%; T Mills, 3 from 17, 17.6%; J Gosden, 56 from 324, 17.3%; P Walwyn, 12 from 75, 16%; Lady Herries, 6 from 40, 15.0%; L Cumani, 37 from 271, 13.7%. Jockeys: W R Swinburn, 59 winners from 359 rides, 16.4%. Only qualifier.

STRATFORD: Trainers: W Warner, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; P Nicholls, 4 from 10, 40.0%; M H Easterby, 3 from 8, 37.5%; G Richards, 10 from 33, 30.3%; O Sherwood, 5 from 19, 26.3%; M C Pipe, 21 from 94, 22.3%. Jockeys: Mr A Hill, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; L Wyer, 4 from 18, 22.2%; R Greene, 5 from 25, 20.0%; J Osborne, 10 from 56, 17.9%; M Dwyer, 5 from 33, 15.2%; J A McCarthy, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

THIRSK: Trainers: J Dunlop, 10 winners from 28 runners, 35.7%; W Jarvis, 3 from 13, 23.1%; B Hanbury, 4 from 21, 19.0%; D Nicholls, 3 from 16, 18.8%; S Kettlewell, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Hammond, 3 from 19, 15.8%. Jockeys: J Tate, 4 winners from 24 rides, 16.7%; J Carroll, 12 from 104, 11.5%; J Fortune, 12 from 104, 11.5%; Alex Greaves, 6 from 53, 11.3%; K Fallon, 10 from 93, 10.8%; N Connorton, 8 from 76, 10.5%.

Champagne end to test of endurance



FREUD ON FRIDAY



An anxious Karen Vernon awaits the result of the veterinary inspection on her mount. Photograph: Julian Herbert

I expect you know the route: leaving the start make for Comers Gate, ride on to Spire Cross, through Winsford, Howe Town, Coppleham, Kennisham Hill, pass Pool Town and Gallox Bridge up Grabbist to Wootton Courtenay, Brockwell, Stoke Pero, then Dady Combe, Oareford over Stowey Common to Alderman's Barrow and the finishing line.

After that contestants have half an hour before vetting, the Ridgeway test, the announcement of the horse's pulse rate ... and the cheers or the tears.

The Golden Horseshoe is the pinnacle of the endurance riding year and happened on Exmoor this week. In class one, which is for the most serious competitors, the horses pass a veterinary examination on Sunday evening; complete the 50-mile loop on Monday at an average speed of not less than eight miles per hour, are vetted when they return and do this all over again on Tuesday.

To complete is to win ... but to be among the gold medalists, the speed must have been over the minimum and the pulse rate, after the Ridgeway in which the horse is trotted 30 yards up the road and 30 yards back, below 55 per minute.

Fifty-five to 64 costs a penalty point: over 64 gets you an E — which stands for elimination, though if you suspect the worst you can volunteer for a W — which signifies withdrawal.

There were about fifty entries in class 1. Sue Dando got gold on her fifth attempt on the same liver-chestnut mare, Vixen. In 1991 they went too fast and were "spun" (vet-speak for deeming a horse unfit to compete).

A year later they got bronze: one speed fault, one pulse penalty; and last year and the year before it was silver — in 1993 missing gold by a single extra heartbeat.

Now they had done it. Vixen was rubbed down and fed and watered and blanketed and cosseted and her rider came out of the pouring rain into the marquee, sopping wet and blue with cold and gave me a tiny frozen hand to shake. I asked if she was all right; she said: "I feel absolutely nothing but joy."

What made the difference?

"I changed her feed and put some extra work into her and the weather helped; also I was more confident — so tonight we celebrate. My crew has cancelled her journey home, rebooked her hotel room and bought champagne."

Dando says that the first day was glorious and on the second, despite the rain, there was just about the right amount of "give" on the moors to please the mare.

The Dando "team" consists of horse and rider; husband and a friend, a dog, two cars and a trailer.

One or other of the support vehicles meets her at each of the 11 stopping places to provide recuperation, encouragement, tactical advice and decree as much rest as the clock allows.

The eight miles per hour is nicely achieved by trotting, but you cannot trot for 50 miles and for every minute of walking you need a similar length of time at the canter. The terrain is in turn hilly and boggy and slippery; there is a stream to cross, a riverbank to negotiate, traffic lights to observe on the A396 at Dunster Castle.

As the starting times are staggered, it is a straight contest against the clock; who is in front or behind is irrelevant. Tactics to suit your horse are all important.

In the marquee is one of the least mechanised scoreboards in the West Country. This shows the names of competitors inscribed in Pentel and their starting time, finishing time, average speed and vet's findings written in the same thick ink as the information filters through.

The final column tells you how it is: in class 1, half a dozen golds, a similar number of silvers and the rest eliminated or withdrawn.

To one side of the board is a bar selling all you would need in the way of drink, including 5.7 degree Dartmoor best bitter straight from the barrel.

At the other end is a counter where I bought a slice of ham and egg pie and a plate of chips — rather expensive at £7.50 ... until the man who had served me said: "I made a mistake; that was a £10 note you gave me" and handed me a fiver.

The homemade chocolate cake at 95p looked good.

As the last riders came back through the bucketing rain, the buzz in the marquee was interrupted by squeals of delight from without as the team which had satisfied the timekeeper heard that it had passed the vet also.

At the awards ceremony later that evening successful contestants received appropriately coloured medallions and they announced the winner of the 1995 Hilton Herbs Golden Horseshoe Ride Premier prize — which goes to the horse and rider who have not just done all the right things at the correct speed within the required pulse rate, but to "the horse which in the opinion of the veterinary panel is best capable of travelling a further 25 miles."

How the rider would feel about this extra distance does not enter the reckoning but those to whom I spoke explained that stiffness and soreness go by the board in the euphoria of completing. There is also a remedy called arnica which works wonders.

Faldo's criticisms rebutted by director of PGA Tour

FROM MEL WEBB IN MADRID

THE multimillionaires of European golf have had their say about what they perceive as a loss of direction by the PGA European Tour in the last decade of the 20th century. Yesterday it was the turn of the tour's executive director to reply, and he was not pulling his punches.

Ken Schofield, who has been at the helm of European professional golf for 20 years, was answering criticisms made recently by Severiano Ballesteros and José María Olazábal and fuelled by Nick Faldo's comments from the United States on Wednesday.

Faldo said that there was now a "comfort zone" on the domestic tour. "I guess in some cases it is too easy for a guy to make a nice living and say: 'I don't want to be a superstar. I can enjoy myself, pay the mortgage and put the kids through a good school'," he said. "We are all 37 or 38 and in a few more years when we are gone there will be a massive void on the tour."

Schofield, who had a three-hour meeting with Olazábal, Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer on Wednesday, was not having that. "Not everyone can be a superstar," he said. "I'm positive that every player is trying his hardest to win — I certainly don't believe there is a comfort zone."

When Schofield moved into his job in 1975 annual prize-money was £611,000. This year tour members are playing for more than £25 million, which makes Schofield uniquely qualified to talk about the allegation that quality is being sacrificed for quantity. "It is very hurtful to hear that sort of thing," he said. "We have been trying to extend the season since 1986, and we constantly endeavour to get the early part of it as good as we can. We want quantity and quality, but we're living in the real world here."

Schofield was supported by Peter Mitchell, who led the Spanish Open at the Club de Campo by a shot after the first round, having handed in a 66 that contained three eagles. "It's all right for them to say that sort of thing," he said. "They should talk to one or two of the guys here who are trying to make their way with barely a penny behind them.

"The only way sponsorship money is going to rise is for the best players to come out and play in all the tournaments. It's easy to criticise when you're guaranteed money to play." Second set to Schofield and Mitchell, 6-0.

FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 66: P Mitchell 67: I Garrido (Sp) 68: J Rivero (Sp), C Rocca (It), P Price, 69: B Lane, H Clark, J Sandelin (Swe), M Mackenzie, R Goosen (SA), W Riley (Aus), E Darcy, G Levenson (SA), J Townsend (US), S McAllister, M Roe, M Harwood (Aus), D Gilford, P Baker, V Fernandez (Arg), J Robson 70: E O'Connell, R Allenby (Aus), C Montgomerie, S Ballesteros (Sp), J Cabrera (Arg), E Romero (Arg), A Sorensen (Den), D Cooper, I Garrido (Sp), M Mouland, S Torrance, R Davis (Aus), A Bossen (Switz), S Grappasonni (It), D Carter



Schofield: defended policy

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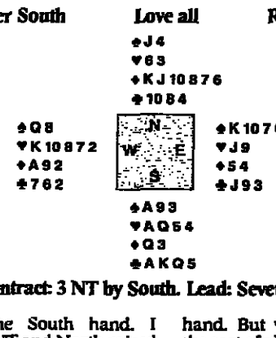
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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In No-Trumps, as declarer you have Q x x in hand, opposite K J 10 x x x in dummy. Dummy has no side entries. How do you set about the suit? If you think this is trivial, look at West's problem on today's hand:

Dealer South **Love all** **Rubber bridge**



Contract: 3 NT by South. Lead: Seven of hearts

I held the South hand. I opened 2 NT and North raised to 3 NT. I won the jack of hearts with the queen and continued with the queen of diamonds. Both defenders played low smoothly (East playing the five) and I continued with the three.

West now had a problem — was his partner's five of diamonds a singleton, or the start of a peter from five-four? On the basis that it would be disastrous to take the ace if I had three diamonds, and might not cost the contract if I only had two diamonds with less outside strength, West ducked again. Now with the clubs 3-3, I had nine tricks. Boring, I hear you say?

On this particular hand I was lucky I happened to play the second diamond from hand. But what if West was the sort of player who, holding the ace, would ponder before playing low?

When he plays low without thinking, marking East with the ace, it is correct for the declarer to overtake the queen with the ace and continue with the jack. East has to decide whether to hold up before he sees his partner's second card. That which brings us back to the original problem — with nine cards you should also try to make the player with the ace play before he has seen his partner's second card. That way, some of the time, they will take the ace when they should have held up.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov fights back

World champion Garry Kasparov fought back in the fifth round of the Amsterdam tournament after his defeat in round four to share the lead with the French Grandmaster Joel Lautier.

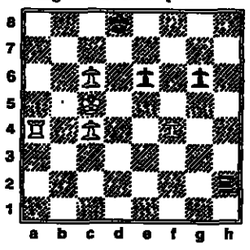
The Bulgarian Grandmaster Veselin Topalov defended against Kasparov with double-edged Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defence. However, Kasparov emerged from the opening with the better game, went on to win a pawn and wrapped up the endgame in his favour. With one round to go Kasparov and Lautier have 3½ points, Topalov has two and Piket one.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Veselin Topalov
Amsterdam, May 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	g6
6	Be3	Bg7
7	f3	Nc6
8	Qd2	0-0
9	0-0-0	d5
10	exd5	Nxd5
11	Nxc6	bxc6
12	Bd4	Nxc3
13	Qxc3	Bh6+
14	Be3	Bxe3+
15	Qxe3	Qb6
16	Qxe7	Be6
17	Qa3	Rfd8
18	Ba6	c5
19	Be2	c4
20	f4	Rd4
21	Rxd4	Qxd4
22	g3	c3
23	Qxc3	Qxc3
24	bxc3	Bxa2
25	Kb2	Be6
26	c4	Kf8
27	Ra1	a5
28	c5	Ke7
29	c4	Bd7
30	Bf3	Rb8+
31	Kc3	a4
32	Ra3	Rc8
33	Kd4	h5
34	Bb7	Rd8
35	Kc3	h4
36	gxh4	Rh8
37	Bd5	Rxh4
38	Kb4	Rxh2
39	c6	Be6
40	Bxe6	fxe6
41	Kc5	Kd8
42	Rxa4	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Leon results

Alexei Shirov, of Latvia, and Evgeny Bareev, of Russia, tied for first place at the Leon tournament in Spain with 6½ points from nine games. Michael Adams, of Britain, finished third with six.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CHIRONOMY
a. Gesticulation
b. Law not justice
c. Giving the worse name

COIT
a. Sexual intercourse
b. One of two neuters
c. A Malaysian marsupial

CREANCE
a. A measure of herring
b. Fiction
c. To pledge oneself

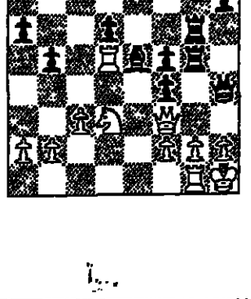
CANDICANT
a. Canting candidly
b. A purple clematis
c. Whitish

Answers on page 28

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game S Periera - R Pereira, Portugal, 1978. Black has built up a very powerful concentration of force on the kingside and now broke through to score a quick win. Can you see how?



Solution, page 28

RADIO CHOICE

Alice and the law lords

No Further Questions. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

For the answer to the question that will have been hammering away in your brain from the start, you must wait until the closing minutes of this dramatisation of the Robert Liversidge story. What precisely were the "hostile associations" that led to his being detained under the infamous 18b emergency regulations in 1939? His lawyer sued the Home Secretary, and the case went before five law lords. Four supported the detention of Liversidge, Lord Atkin opposed it. Alice and Humpty Dumpty were quoted in the arguments for and against, as were Charles I and the Star Chamber. The case filled much space in the editorial and letters pages of *The Times*. We learn that Liversidge had a lasting influence on English law.

Fairest Isle: Turns of the Century. *Radio 3, 4.20pm.*

Robert Cushman's eulogy of Peter Cook has to cram a lot into ten minutes; so the brush strokes have to be broad. However, they tend to confirm Cushman's conclusion that if comedy is about monomania, Cook was one of its great poets. We are reminded of his merciless impersonation of Harold Macmillan ("the sands of time are drawing all too rapidly to a close"). Cook's masterpiece, Cushman believes, was the park bench monologue delivered by the philosophical chap who wanted to be a judge, but settled for being a miner because the exams were easier: "They only asked me one question. Who are you? I got 75 per cent on that."

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

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RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, incl at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Chris Stuart 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hoax! (r) 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 Philip Dyson at the piano 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 The Brighton Festival: The Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes 1.00 Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview; 7.15 The Victim's Story 8.35 The Magazine, with Diana Madill, incl at 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 Tales of the Jury 12.00 Midday with Marr, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck, and at 1.35 Bullet Boys 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide, with Julian Worricker; and at 6.15 Crime Update 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 9.05 American Graffiti 9.35 Stop Press 10.05 Entertainment Superhighway 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

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6.00am Sean Bolger 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 7.00 Maurice Dee 10.00 Caesar 1.00am Ian Collins

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6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Classic Verdict 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nick Abbot 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00-6.00am Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Maths: Curve Sketching 6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Godowsky (Study No 1 in C on an étude by Chopin); Holst (St Paul's Suite); 7.32 *Handel's Handbook*: Handel (Sonata in C minor Op 1 No 8); 8.05 Marcello (Trumpet Concerto in D minor); Ives (Three Heine settings); Balakirev (Piano Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor)
9.00 Fairest Isle: Composer of the Week. Dowland
9.45 Musical Encounters: Berwald (Overture: The Queen of Golconda); Handel (Concerto grosso in C, Alexander's Feast); Nielsen (Flute Concerto); 10.40 *Artist of the Week*: Bernadette Greevy, mezzo. Bach (Cantata No 42: Wo zwei und drei versammlet sind); 10.55 Schumann (Andante and Variations in B flat, Op posth); Martinů (Concerto grosso); Berwald (Festival of the Bayadères)
12.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Vassily Sinaisky (r)
1.00pm St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Lowri Blake, cello; Iwan Llewellyn Jones, piano. Martinů (Variations on a Slovak Theme); Kodály (Sonata, Op 4); Lutoslawski (Grave, Metamorphoses; Sacher Variations); Martinů (Variations on a Theme of Rossini)
2.00 Schools: The Song Tree: Music Course 1 — Melody Muddle's Music Machine 2.15 Together Stories 2.30 Dance Workshop 2.50 Poetry Corner
3.00 Mining the Archive: Susan Sharpe talks to Christopher Page about Musica Reservata, the pioneering early music ensemble, whose director Michael Morrow died last spring (1/2)
4.20 Fairest Isle: Turns of the Century: See Choice
4.30 Songs of South East Asia: Introduced by John Thornley
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson talks to ondes martenot player Cynthia Millar
5.15 In Tune: Bach (Chorale Prelude: Wachet Auf!); 6.03 Chopin (Variations in B flat on *Là ci darem mano*, Op 2); Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E flat)
7.30 Fairest Isle: A Singers' Celebration: BBC Singers under Bo Holten. Purcell (I was glad; Lord, how long wilt thou be angry?); Purcell, arr Sandstrom (Hear my prayer, O Lord); James MacMillan (Máiri, first performance); Carver (Gaude flore virginali); 8.10 Singers Talking. Anthony Burton talks to past and present members of the BBC Singers; 8.30 Purcell (Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes); Tippett (The weeping babe); James MacMillan (Máiri, repeat performance); Carver (O bone Jesu)
9.15 Architecture in Five Easy Pieces: The Door
9.40 Hear and Now: Cornelius Cardew's *The Great Learning*; 11.30 Robert Ziegler presents Karlheinz Stockhausen's *Mixtur*
12.00-1.00am How to Make a Musical: A discussion on the director's role (r)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day, with John Barton, Archdeacon of Aston 6.30 Today, with John Humphrys and Anna Ford, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day, with Donald English 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the playwright Neil Simon (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00 News; No Further Questions (FM only): See Choice
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 From Plato to the Present (LW only): Nietzsche. John Shedden reads from The Gay Science
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced from Cardiff by Gail Foley. Serial: *Electricity* (9/13)
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Daire Brehan
12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Derek Cooper 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Memoirs of a Midget. Second of a three-part dramatisation of Walter de la Mare's haunting love story. With Emma Fielding and John Church (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Tim Marlow meets Richard Neville, *enfant terrible* of the 1960s and founder of *Oz* magazine
4.45 Short Story: Cormac's Cup Final, by Michael Carson. Read by Niamh Cusack
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News 6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Christopher Serle
8.05 Any Questions? From Ipswich, with Ivor Crewe, professor of government at Essex University; Donald Dewar, MP, Shadow Social Security Secretary; Sir Nicholas Scott, MP; and Dr Ann Robinson, director general, National Association of Pension Funds. With Nick Clarke in the chair
8.05 Law in Action
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Stuart Maconie talks to the singer Scott Walker (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Humming, by Michèle Roberts. Read by Gillian Bevan (r)
11.00 Week Ending: Satirical news review. With Sally Grace and Toby Longworth
11.25 Tea Junction: Patrick Hannan and guests take a sceptical look at the week's events
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.45am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.45 As World Service (LW)

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Portraits of failure with the ring of truth

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

There is a line in Chekhov — and I can't find it. I've wasted hours — about the people raising an enormous bell. The context is a mood of deep discouragement, and then someone says, "The people raised an enormous bell". The thought appears unfinished, but is nevertheless complete. I believe it was said about Andrei in *Three Sisters*, who turned out in middle life to be quite ordinary and human, despite all the hopes pinned on him. But perhaps it's *Uncle Vanya*. Anyway, this enormous bloody bell just rolled and swung, and creaked and bonged through last night's television, as two great charismatics were obliged by their human failings to let the people down. I speak of John Thaw (Bong!) as the Labour Party leader in David Hare's brilliantly focused **The Absence of War** (BBC 2), and — who else? — Diego (Bong!) Maradona on Channel 4.

Maradona can wait a bit, but *The Absence of War* began tellingly with some real bongs from Big Ben: the Cenotaph on the box. The deposed (or retired) George Jones watches the televised ceremony from his high-rise Kennington flat, and leans his head on a doorpost. The commentary speaks of sacrifice for the greater good, and Thaw — who personally lost an election — faces the double misery of sacrificing yourself and still losing. On the screen, his suave successor, Richard Pascoe, holds a poppy wreath against his dark coat like a natural Tory. Pascoe is a smooth man, while Thaw was a hairy. Yet, like a true Labourite, he backed Thaw in the doomed campaign. "The Tories get rid of their leaders; we hold on to ours."

We have got used to the idea that political drama on television will obey certain rules. It will use authentic sets (or Westminster itself), it will be about jockeying within government, and it will feature sly actors (Colin Jeavons springs to mind) who in bestiary form would comprise foxes, snakes and hyenas — all with teeth like needles. By bringing *The Absence of War* to the screen, the director Richard Eyre introduced viewers to more than just an unfamiliar group of superb actors: he also reminded us that politics reflects a desire for effectiveness, and posited the novel idea: how would a well-meaning goat get on in this arena, if he had the chance?

Because the extraordinary thing about *The Absence of War* was that it largely eschewed the usual intrigue. Yes, there was a red herring about Pascoe (had he spilt beans to a hostile BBC interviewer?) but the crux of Jones's failure was elsewhere: how can a genuine socialist pretend to be electable, and not break down under the strain?

In the place of back-biting, there was companionship. Jones's team followed their champion with buckets, towels and encouragement. They worked together, they even liked each other, they were *nice people* — Barbara Leigh-Hunt bustling with his diary, Claire Higgins trying to polish his image, Oliver Ford-Davies directing campaign strategy, Saskia Wickham adoring him. Nobody fell in love, nobody revealed himself to be an enemy agent in deep cover. As leader, Thaw spent most of his time taking home truths on the chin. "You are boring," they told him; "economics is not your strong point." This was all going to be worth it, apparently, when the results came in.

I mentioned the acting. Martin Jarvis was chillingly brilliant as the television interviewer, outclassing and surgically exposing his guest, while the hench-people groaned in another room. As for John Thaw, his south London accent performed its usual catch-me-if-you-can, but otherwise this was the best performance I've seen. Eyre gave him lots of silent suffering close-ups, which worked a treat. If Jones ultimately lacked authority, it was in the writing, not the performance. Alas, it was absolutely necessary that his hench-people gazed approvingly, or kept mentioning his charisma, because Hare showed us no triumphs, only catastrophes.

Jones's great theatrical outburst at the end of *The Absence of War* concerned the political trap he was in. "Why can't I speak of what I believe?" he raged. This enforced diplomatic silence was his tragedy, while over on Channel 4, it was Diego Maradona's habit of opening his big trap which had fixed things regularly for *him*. Unlike *The Absence of War*, however, this **True Stories** did provide solid ocular evidence for the hero's popularity — in particular the miraculous second Argentina goal against England in the 1986 World Cup, in which slow-motion photography revealed Maradona running through the defence *at normal speed*.

Nowadays, after bans and scandals, Maradona paces the touchline in a manager's suit and yells abuse at the referee. It is not fun to watch, as falls from glory never are. He has filled out around the chest, and his dangly earring begins to give him the look of a pimp. But he is still the most famous footballer in the world, the saviour of Argentine self-esteem, and the miracle-worker who took Naples to an Italian league and cup double. In terms of popularity, he is tiresome but adored, and endlessly forgiven.

That he should have delusions is no surprise at all. What is amazing is that they are mainly paranoid. Sadly, *True Stories* played opposite *The Absence of War*, because Maradona nicely demonstrated for David Hare what a real firebrand does when confronted with pesky journalists. Whereas George Jones floundered and sweated in his BBC swivel, Maradona aimed an air-rifle at the crowd around his gate and simply pulled the trigger.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (23838)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10769093)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (1034819)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7875426) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r) (Ceefax) (1190258)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick Weekday magazine series (s) (4887722)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9658890) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (5746987) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (15000242)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (93548) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (62307708)
1.50 Going for Gold. The question-master is Henry Kelly (s) (68707744) **2.15 The Flying Doctors**. Australian medical drama series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4074682). **Wales** (to 4.10): Welsh Labour Party Conference (801093) **3.00 Gourmet Ireland**. Jeanne and Paul Rankin prepare quick television snacks (s) (8513)
3.30 Cartoon (5994258) **3.45 Dinobabies** (r) (8295722) **4.10 X-Men**. (Ceefax) (s) (2679451) **4.30 Round the Twist** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1628600)
4.55 Newsround. (Ceefax) (7076451) **5.05 Blue Peter**. Includes details of a Bank Holiday event, the largest that the programme has organised. (Ceefax) (s) (1431180)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (641646)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (109)
6.30 Regional news magazines (161)
7.00 The Weekend Show. A series celebrating quirky Britain (s) (4722)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes a report from Vladivostok on the fight to save the rare Amur leopard from extinction. (Ceefax) (s) (345)
8.00 Lovejoy. Ian McShane stars as the dodgy antiques dealer (r). (Ceefax) (s) (446074)
8.50 TV Heroes. Danny Baker in praise of election night television presenters. (Ceefax) (591451)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9187)
9.30 CHOICE **999**. (Ceefax) (s) (628258)



Johnson, Glover and Dafoe (10.25pm)

10.25 FILM: Flight of the Intruder (1991) starring Danny Glover, Brad Johnson and Willem Dafoe. Vietnam War drama about the arrival of a daredevil fighter pilot who inspires his demoralised colleagues to plan a raid on Hanoi despite a strict ceasefire during the Paris peace talks. Directed by John Milius. (Ceefax) (s) (6916351) **Wales**: The Dream (904797) 10.55 Film: Flight of the Intruder (98615345) 12.35am-2.00 Film: Nothing But the Night (7378407)
12.15am FILM: Nothing But the Night (1975) starring Christopher Lee, Peter Cushing and Diana Dors. Horror story of a group of children who become killers after being injected with a serum and terrorise London. Directed by Peter Sasdy (4443198)
1.40 Weather (9169730)

BBC2

6.20 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7022258)
8.15 For the Love of It: A Showbiz Story. Louise Pratt, who has been helping the Laxfield Children's Drama Group for nearly 20 years (r) (2923364)
8.20 A Big Country. The Spencer family who left their New South Wales farm for a life of almost total isolation on the Cape York Peninsula (r) (1115180)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w) (1214890)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1101364) **2.00-2.10** Joshua Jones (98294971)
2.15 Racing from Newbury. The **2.40, 3.10** and **3.40** races (s). Includes **News**, regional news and weather at **2.55** (158548) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3838277)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (154)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (258)
5.00 Esther. Nina Myskow discusses pre-menstrual syndrome and the impact it has on work, sex and marriage (s) (9600) **5.30 All in the Mind**. Lateral thinking quiz (s) (838)
6.00 The Munsters (b/w). (Ceefax) (679838)
6.25 The Champions (r). (Ceefax) (614703)
7.15 CHOICE **Animal Crackers: The Cook**. (Ceefax) (s) (221635)
7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years — The Eighties. The headlines and top pop music of 1984 (r). (Ceefax) (s) (987)
8.00 Top Gear Motorsport. (Ceefax) (s) (5884)
8.30 Gardeners' World. (Ceefax) (s) (7819)
9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt (r). (Ceefax) (4567)
9.30 The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer. Comedy from Vic and Bob. (Ceefax) (s) (58838)
10.00 Have I Got News for You. Joining Angus Deayton, Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are Germaine Greer and Fred MacAulay (s) (20567)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (208838)
11.15 Fantasy Football League presented by David Baddiel and Frank Skinner (s) (816180). **Wales**: Welsh Lobby 11.45 Fantasy Football League 12.20am-1.50 Film: Wild Strawberries
11.45 Weather (422426)



Victor Sjostrom and Bibi Andersson (11.50pm)

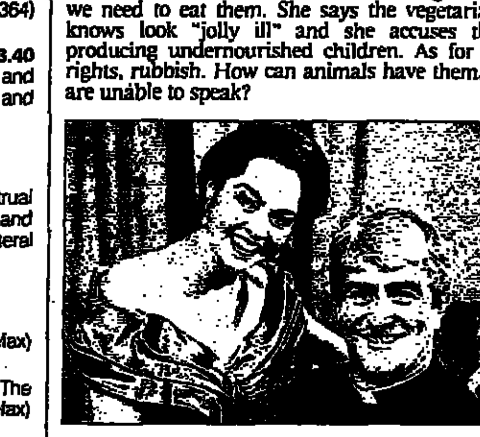
11.50 FILM: Wild Strawberries (1957, b/w) starring Victor Sjostrom, Bibi Andersson and Ingrid Thulin. A drama about the spiritual journey of an irascible professor on his way to collect an honorary university doctorate. Written and directed by Ingmar Bergman. In Swedish with English subtitles (233180). Ends at **1.25am**

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CHOICE

Animal Crackers
BBC2, 7.15pm

If this evening's calm is shattered by the sound of bricks being thrown at television screens, then it could be animal rights protesters venting their wrath on Jennifer Paterson. Paterson, a cookery writer for *The Spectator* and *The Oldie*, is what you might call a character. Bluff and forthright, she rides around London on a motorcycle and does not care what she says. Quoting the authority of the Bible, no less, she declares that animals are there for eating. Moreover, we need to eat them. She says the vegetarians she knows look "jolly ill" and she accuses them of producing undernourished children. As for animal rights, rubbish. How can animals have them, if they are unable to speak?



Gemma Craven tempts Dermot Morgan (C4, 9.00pm)

Father Ted
Channel 4, 9.00pm

As long as the Roman Catholic church demands that its priests be male, single and celibate it must expect sit-com writers to take advantage. The latest variant has Father Ted (Dermot Morgan) encountering a glamorous writer of raunchy novels (Gemma Craven) and doing his best not to be seduced by her. Every time he tries to dismiss her from his sights and thoughts, up she pops once more, reducing the good father to embarrassed giggles and guffaws. Thanks to Morgan's engaging performance a predictable gag just about stays the distance and the writers, Graham Linehan and Arthur Matthews, manage a neat twist at the end. The tone, as throughout this series, is gentle and the church is unlikely to take offence.

The Chief
ITV, 9.00pm

By a piece of contrivance beloved of television writers, both of Anthony Read's plotlines have a racial theme. Not only that but they become enmeshed. If the result is short on credibility it makes a satisfying dramatic shape with each strand acting on the other to increase the tension. In plot number one an Asian youth is left critically ill after a fight with skinheads and a police officer is accused of inflicting the injuries. In plot number two a young black woman arrives from Zimbabwe to track down the murderer of her father, a former white farmer now living on Chief Constable Cade's patch. The splendid Frederick Treves, an actor incapable of giving a dull performance, guests as the old colonial with the murky past.

999
BBC1, 9.30pm

More dreadful accidents whose victims thankfully survived to tell their tales are reconstructed with the help of actors and stunt teams. Among those who went to hell and back is Dean Milroy, a motorist trapped for three hours under an articulated lorry with spilled diesel fuel and an unstable load jeopardising his rescue. He puts his survival down to his car's airbag. The emergency services agree. Tricia Worsley went through an even greater ordeal. Fighting for her life after a diving accident, she spent 39 hours in a recompression chamber. Not all the victims are human. The programme also features the rescue of a whale, which became trapped in a rocky inlet off the Cornish coast.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV (4409722)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw with Bob Mills (8360548)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (1015513)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (5774548)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (86738600) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9654074)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7331432)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (7349451) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) (16057987) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (71852613)
2.20 The Chrystal Rose Show In the last of the series, the PR guru Liz Brewer is asked if it is possible to make almost anyone famous (s) (20112635)
2.50 High Road. (Teletext) (2565093)
3.20 ITN News headlines (6074267) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7424708)
3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (5816426) **3.45 Molly's Gang** (s) (9533172) **3.55 Tiny Toon Adventures** (1930161) **4.20 Tazmania** (7652074) **4.35 Delicious** (s) (7847277)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating. Singer Curtis Stigers is today's special guest. (Teletext) (1432819)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (117567)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (666364)
6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (955646)
7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. The comedian hosts the gameshow where prizes can be won or lost at the turn of a card. (Teletext) (s) (9890)



Sue Nicholls and Amanda Barrie (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Alma (Amanda Barrie) and Audrey (Sue Nicholls) have a girl's day out. (Teletext) (513)
8.00 The Bill: A Quiet Night In. Loxton and Hollis find a young woman who is reluctant to leave the police station. (Teletext) (5838)
8.30 Time after Time starring Brian Conley, Georgia Allen and Richard Graham. Donna and Kenny's wedding day is looming, and Jake has something special up his sleeve for Kenny's stag night (Teletext) (s) (4345)
9.00 CHOICE **The Chief** (Teletext) (s) (1109)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (17093)
10.30 Richard Littlejohn — Live and Uncut with guests Bill Kenwright, Teresa Gorman, MP, Lord Tebbit and Gillian Taylforth (17432)
12.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (8829285)
12.10am Time Trax. Time-travel adventure series (s) (7008136)
1.05 The James Whale Show (s) (8780169)
2.05 The Chart Show (s) (7254865)
3.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (s) (67899204)
3.25 Noisy Mothers. Rock and heavy metal music magazine (s) (4968020)
4.30 The New Music. Music styles and trends from around the world (66440)
5.30 ITN Morning News (85594). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7277567)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (16141)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (21242)
9.30 Schools: Eureka (4516345) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (4431600) **10.00** Irish Writers (1196432) **10.25** Eurokids (2428180) **10.40** Off Limits (5843180) **11.05** Schools at Work (9973345) **11.11** Time for Maths (9958203) **11.22** Stage One (9853659) **11.40** Co Sinn is Carson (3137068)
12.00 Profiles Of Nature. A wildlife film of the exotic courtship dance of the greater sandhill crane and the life of the ensuing chicks (r) (14906)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Gregory Hines (r) (83277) **1.30 The Magic Roundabout** followed by **The Wombles, Paddington** and **The Clangers** (r) (15307780)
1.55 Yati. A dialogue-free film about a young Indian boy comparing his remote village with the supposed splendour of city life. (Teletext) (73652695)
2.20 FILM: Father Brown (1954, b/w) starring Alec Guinness and Peter Finch. G.K Chesterton's clerical sleuth pits his wits against the master criminal, Flambeau, after the theft of a priceless holy cross. Directed by Robert Hamer (Teletext) (129161). Followed by **Consenting Adults**. Series coinciding with Adult Learning Week. (Teletext) (s)
4.00 I Camcorder (r). (Teletext) (242)
4.30 Fifteen-To-One. (Teletext) (s) (426)
5.00 The Wild West: Westward Ho (r). (Teletext) (s) (6703)
6.00 Blossom. Teen comedy. (Teletext) (s) (819)
6.30 Happy Days (r) (Teletext) (288155)
6.55 Terrytoons featuring Lariat Sam (983838)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (361529)
7.55 Consenting Adults (r). (Teletext) (s) (276345)



Lancaster, Pow and Biggs visit Perth (8.00pm)

8.00 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Rebecca Pow and Matthew Biggs are in Perth. (Teletext) (s) (6180)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (2987)
9.00 CHOICE **Father Ted**. (Teletext) (s) (9635)
9.30 Friends. American comedy series about a group of twentysomethings. (Teletext) (s) (43906)
10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking, blue collar comedy. (Teletext) (s) (15635)
10.30 Drop the Dead Donkey (r) (Teletext) (s) (478155)
11.05 Eurotrash. Jean Paul Gaultier and Antoine de Caunes introduce the European sleaze magazine (s) (168906). Followed by **Beastly Behaviour: Mud Snail**. Animation
11.40 FILM: Plague of the Zombies (1966, b/w) starring Andre Morell. A Hammer horror about a professor of medicine fighting the undead in a 19th-century Cornwall village. Directed by John Gilling (891513). Followed by **Consenting Adults** (r). (Teletext) (s)
1.25am FILM: Sweeney Todd, Demon Barber Of Fleet Street (1936, b/w) starring Tod Slaughter. The story of an 18th-century London barber who killed his customers and used the bodies to make meat pies he sold in an adjacent shop. Directed by George King (9607285). Ends at **2.40**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (1015513) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (9654074) **12.55** Coronation Street (7349451) **1.25** Home and Away (16057987) **1.55** The Young Doctors (71852613) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (7411258) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (7424708) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1432819) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (955646) **10.00** ITN News, Weekend Weather (17093) **10.30** Anglia News (954635) **10.40** Cactus Flower (81990155) **12.40am** The James Whale Show (3939001) **1.40** Noisy Mothers (9397778) **2.35** Coach (2841049) **3.05** Cue the Music (9746469) **4.00** The Album Show (9055440) **4.50** Phenomena (71934933) **5.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80240)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (1015513) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (9654074) **2.20** Wish You Were Here ? (20112635) **2.50-3.20** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (2565093) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7424708) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (1432819) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (955646) **10.30** Central News and Weather (954635) **10.40** Texasville (64839635) **4.30am** Jobfinder (8226223) **5.20** Asian Eye (8891469)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (1015513) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (9654074) **12.55-1.25** Shortland Street (7349451) **1.25** Home and Away (51579074) **1.50** Blue Heelers (3003600) **2.50-3.20** Wish You Were Here ? (2565093) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (7424708) **5.10-5.40** High Road (1432819) **6.25** Granada Tonight (666884) **6.50** Kick Off (692074) **10.30** Granada News (217616) **10.35** Patty Hearst (81691884) **12.35am-1.05** Eye TV (7495136)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7349451) **1.25** Home and Away (16057987) **1.55** High Road (28452659) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (9151971) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1432819) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (529) **10.30** HTV West News and Weather (954635) **10.40** Something Strange (674426) **11.10** Twilight Zone - The Movie (431136)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (529) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (954635) **10.40** Twilight Zone - The Movie (54221839) **12.35am** The Hidden Room (7495136)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7349451) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16057987) **2.20-2.50** Heirloom (20112635) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1432819) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (40819) **10.00** News at Ten, Weather (17093) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (945987) **10.45** Magnum (854426) **11.40** Phoenix (161513) **12.40am** The James Whale Show (3939001) **1.40** Noisy Mothers (9397778) **2.35** Coach (2841049) **3.05** Cue the Music (9746469) **4.00** The Album Show (9055440) **4.50** Phenomena (71934933) **5.00** Freescreen (80240)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7349451) **1.25** Home and Away (16057987) **1.55-3.25** Murder, She Wrote (3002971) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1432819) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (40819) **10.30** Westcountry News, Weather (954635) **10.40** Married with Children (674426) **11.10** Bodies of Evidence (727068) **12.05am** Gaz Top Non Stop (7099488)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7349451) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16057987) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (9241548) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1432819) **5.55** Calendar (256703) **6.30-7.00** On Your Marks (529) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (954635) **10.40** In the Aftermath (1383722) **12.00am** Cowboys in Skirts - The Making of 'Rob Roy' (84865) **12.30** The Hidden Room (32914) **1.00** The James Whale Show (12310) **2.00** The Big E (7255594) **2.55** The Beat (8208914) **3.50** Shift (4037551) **4.40** Profile (50350488) **5.00** Sportsworld (80240)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (16141) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (21242) **9.30** Ysgolion (569278) **12.00pm** Sesame Street (42277) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (96258) **1.30** The Five Mrs Buchanans (59513) **2.00** Trial And Error (29695) **3.30** Consenting Adults (635) **4.00** I Camcorder (242) **4.30** Saved By The Bell (426) **5.00** 5 Pump (1068) **5.30** Fifteen To One (906) **6.00** Newyddion (939708) **6.15** Heno (871161) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7432) **7.30** Canu Gwlad (155) **8.00** Ma' Itan' Ma (6180) **8.30** Newyddion (2987) **9.00** Ffau'r Llewod (451432) **9.45** Gwerth Chwech Cysgod Craith (742364) **10.00** Brookside (15635) **10.30** Drop The Dead Donkey (478155) **11.05** Eurotrash (327567) **11.35** Beastly Behaviour (524838) **11.40** Plague Of The Zombies (241074) **1.20am** Consenting Adults (4312049) **1.25** Sweeney Tod, Demon Barber Of Fleet Street (9607285)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (35345) **8.00** Power Rangers (48987) **8.30** Blockbusters (47258) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (71987) **10.00** Concentration (85221) **10.30** Card Sharks (50722) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (28258) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (41074) **12.30pm** Designing Women (90838) **1.00** The Waltons (88093) **2.00** Matlock (35780) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (4645109) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (1148267) **4.30** Power Rangers (7180) **5.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (3141) **6.00** Spellbound (5345) **6.30** Family Ties (3797) **7.00** Rescue (1600) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5109) **8.00** Who Do You Do? (9708) **8.30** Coppers (6155) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (12074) **10.00** Quantum Leap (15161) **11.00** Late Show (456548) **11.50** The Untouchables (564398) **12.45am** 21 Jump Street (7114681) **1.30** In Living Color (33339) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (4818488)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2147068) **9.30** Worldwide (58600) **10.30** ABC Nightline (58364) **1.30pm** CBS News (24109) **2.30** Parliament (55258) **3.30** The Lords (7703) **4.00** News and Business (79646) **5.00** Live at Five (8373161) **6.05** Littlejohn (937335) **8.00** News and Business (1890) **8.30** O.J Simpson (45180) **9.30** Talkback (55616) **12.30am** CBS News (8863001) **1.10** Littlejohn (8175407) **2.30** Parliament (88223) **3.30** The Lords (50440) **4.30** CBS News (15730) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (75876)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (8898180) **10.00 The Viking Queen** (1967) (98426) **12.00 The Sea Wolves** (1980) (12155) **2.00pm Give My Regards to Broad Street** (1984) (33513) **4.00 Lad: A Dog** (1962) (13608068) **5.50 To Kill a Mockingbird** (1962) (47677819) **8.00 Hostage for a Day** (1993) (43945426) **9.40 US Top Ten** (811513) **10.00 Shadows and Fog** (1992) (97971) **11.30 Bruce Lee: Curse of the Dragon** (1993) (887890) **1.05am Fair Game** (1989) (7539469) **2.25 The King's Whore** (1990) (4348952) **3.55-5.25 The Liar's Club** (1994) (74867285)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
2.00pm Showcase (13797) **4.00 The Fuzzy Pink Nightgown** (1957) (7105) **6.00 Topkapi** (1964) (89161) **8.00 The Bravados** (1958) (46726) **10.00 The French Connection** (1971) (329426) **11.50-2.00 Mean Machine** (1975) (80384677)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Macomber Affair (1947) (55155) **8.00 Spiderman: Wolfpack/The Kirkwood Haunting** (1973) (93074) **10.00 Roughshod** (1949) (96068) **12.00 The Primrose Path** (1940) (978884) **1.35pm The Scarlet Blade** (1963) (3099797) **3.00 Tarzan Finds a Son** (1939) (2722567) **4.25 Spiderman: Wolfpack/The Kirkwood Haunting** (1973) As 8am (8325074) **5.55 For the Love of Aaron** (1994) (21605722) **7.30 The Movie Show** (6819) **8.00 Buffy the Vampire Slayer** (1992) (28364) **10.00 Red Rock West** (1993) (126426) **11.40 Someone's Watching** (1993) (875180) **1.15am Golden Balls** (1993) (915117) **2.50 Desperate Justice** (1993) (938594) **4.25-6.00 Lifeboat** (1944) (759575)

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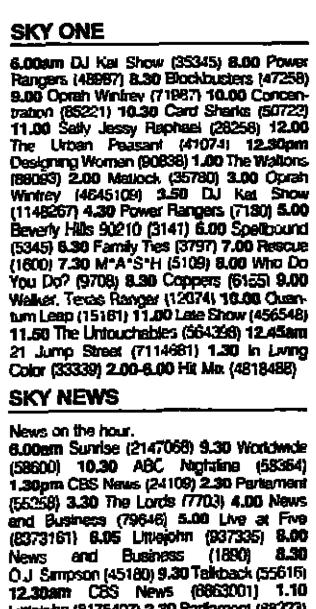
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SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (1964345) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4195083) **1.00** Great Sports Vacations (8355884) **1.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (4194364) **2.00** Ticket to Paradise (7509884) **2.30** Europe (9686155) **3.00** Ben Cropp Presents Sunken Warriors (1617616) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide Review (9773635) **4.30** Boomerang (9779819) **5.00** Ticket to Paradise (7696364) **5.30-6.00** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (9880971)



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TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (7567797) **9.30** Simply Delicious (7877242) **10.00** House Style (6815074) **10.30** Park High (7669109) **11.00** Only Human (2748380) **12.00** The Heart of Healing (7963093) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious (1913626) **1.30** Painting (7950529) **2.00** The Tin-Lids (6816703) **3.00** House Style (8368890) **3.30-4.00** Acorn (5042068)

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7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (8769105) **7.30** Neighbours (4260190) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7642432) **8.30** EastEnders (7641703) **9.00** The Bill (7569155) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (9538600) **10.30** Casualty (85375616) **11.35** Going for Gold (12481971) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7652819) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7953616) **1.00** EastEnders (9119646) **1.30** The Bill (7952987) **2.00** The Dawson Watch (8283513) **2.30** Triangle (5145109) **3.00** Knots Landing (3141432) **4.00** Dallas (3160567) **5.00** Every Second Counts (34248074) **5.25** Dick Emery (34267109) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (1203426) **6.30** EastEnders (5120890) **7.00** Help! (8367529) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (5126074) **8.00** Morecambe and Wise (2399567) **9.00** Casualty (2379703) **10.00** The Bill (7653548) **10.30** Miami Vice (9170890) **11.30** Top of the Pops (2742567) **12.20am** Dr Who: Day of the Daleks (4831827) **12.50** FILM: The Producers (1987) Comedy with Zero Mostel, Gene Wilder and Mel Brooks (5611778) **2.30-3.30** Shopping at Night (9504643)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (30180) **7.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (22782) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (95529) **8.00** Degrassi Junior High (24906) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (3816068) **8.45** Casper (3900451) **9.00** Sesame Street (71971) **10.00** Tiny TCC (52277) **12.00** Madeline (27093) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (56155) **2.30** Barney (4600) **3.00** Dinobabies (2513) **3.30** Sonic the Hedgehog (9345) **4.00** California Dreams (1180) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (7364)

NICKELODEON
7.00am NickAlive including Deep Sea Dick (3681722) **7.15** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (380567) **7.45** Rugrats (369838) **8.15** Mighty Max (475722) **8.45** NickAlive (9463780) **9.00** Nick Jr (154890) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (74987) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (16451) **1.00** Smoggies (73722) **1.30** Grimmy (15722) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (1780) **2.30** Galaxy High School (6432) **3.00** The Ferals (6987) **3.30** The Secret World of Alex Mack (8277) **4.00** Mighty Max (4884) **4.30** Rugrats (4448) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (1432) **5.30** Odyssey (7548) **6.00** Rocko's Modern Life (7161) **6.30-7.00** The Adventures of Pete and Pete (5613)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Wildside (3168109) **5.00** Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe (8378635) **5.30** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (5147567) **6.00** Invention (8987659) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (3315567) **7.30** Fire! (5124616) **8.00** Mysteries (2397109) **9.00** Beauty and the Beasts (2377345) **10.00** Vanishing Worlds (2370432) **11.00-12.00** Watching the Detectives (9210695)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Stranger's Hand (1954) (1138890) **1.30pm** Death Valley Days (7874155) **2.00** The Avengers (6810529) **3.00** Robin Hood (8360616) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (5135722) **4.00** FILM: Muscle Beach Party (1964) With Frankie Avalon (17206703) **5.45** Torchy the Battery Boy (6869838) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (5131906) **6.30** The Wild Wild West (1955971) **7.30** The Adventures of Robin Hood (5048242) **8.00** The Avengers (2384635) **9.00** Man in a Suitcase (2291971) **10.00-12.00** FILM: A Perfect Couple (1979). A couple meet through a dating agency (3062971)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (4669906) **7.00** Living Magazine (7171242) **9.00** The Treatment (4644906) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5096258) **10.05** Mr Smith's Indoor Garden (2866155) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (70726722) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (5752616) **11.55** The Simple Programme (89062797) **12.00** Kilroy (6094567) **12.55pm** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery (1374797) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2853242) **2.00** Agony Hour (7762600) **3.00** Living Magazine (5276432) **4.00** Infatuation (2323616) **4.30** Crosswits (2336631) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (75277242) **5.30** The Fish Course (7096068) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (3820819) **6.30** Infatuation UK (2324345) **7.00** Crosswits (6888819) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (6152600) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6711529) **8.55** The Simple Programme (7380971) **9.00** FILM: Why My Daughter? (1993) Linda Gray fights to bring her daughter's killer to justice (5243513) **11.00** Sex Life (9190068) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (7767155)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Dangermouse (7258) **5.30** Gladiators 2000 (8616) **6.00** My Two Dads (5529) **6.30** Catchphrase (9109) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (3762) **7.30** Road to Avonlea (40548) **8.30** Home to Roost (5277) **9.00** Sirens (10600) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (28722) **10.30** Dangermouse (31242) **11.00** Lou Grant (12242) **12.00** Zorro (82469) **12.30am** Rhoda (63846) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (61662) **1.30** Rhoda (86469) **2.00** Sirens (36136) **3.00** Lou Grant (67643) **4.00** Rhoda (49575) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (59827)

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VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (8354155) **9.00** Café VH-1 (7420635) **12.00** The Bridge (4183258) **1.00pm** Ten of the Best (4192906) **2.00** Heart and Soul (8047161) **3.00** Into the Music (6428432) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (4611161) **6.15** Prime Cuts (8490616) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8246529) **8.00** VH-1 Soul (8255277) **9.00** Hall of Fame (8162513) **10.00** Jonathan Ross Presents (1967432) **10.30** Old Grey Whistle Test (1976180) **11.00** Around and Around (8447819) **12.00** The Nightfly (7687001) **2.00am** Ten of the Best (3126049) **3.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

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7.00pm Twilight of Honor (1963) (95574600) **9.00 I Thank a Fool** (1962) (20720703) **11.00 Children of the Damned** (1964) (68122161) **12.30am Le Jardinier (The Gardener)** (1980) (29881391) **2.15-4.00 Le Bossu (The Hunchback)** (1944) (52790778)

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Warwickshire opening pair enjoy themselves on Durham's big day

Moles digs in on new ground

By Pat Gibson

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 240 for two wickets against Durham

DENNIS SILK, the chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board, called it a miracle. A new cricket ground which will be capable of staging international matches before the turn of the century had risen from a field on the banks of the Wear and pilgrims from all corners of the English game could hardly believe their eyes.

They were all there: Silk and his chief executive, Alan Smith; the secretary of MCC, Roger Knight; even representatives of those five big clubs who might prefer to see counties such as Durham playing in a championship second division. Let them all come to Chester-le-Street.

The Riverside ground is an inspiring example of what can be achieved with zeal and foresight or, as David Graveney, general secretary of the Cricketers' Association, who cut the first sod as Durham's captain only three years ago, put it: "In cricket, people do a lot of talking and nothing is done. This is an example of how people take action and get things done."

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Significantly, the driving force behind the development was Don Robson, leader of Durham County Council, chairman of Durham County Cricket Club and, as chairman of the National Cricket Association, a man who intends to have his say in any restructuring of English cricket. Even he could scarcely comprehend just what had been accomplished in so short a time.

The ground, which has already cost £4 million and will need another £9 million spending on it, is nothing like finished. Only the first of four "modules" which will ring the boundary has been completed but that is impressive enough, a pavilion complex with state-of-the-art dressing-rooms, hospitality suites, members' areas and administrative offices, all looking out over the river towards the backdrop of Lumley Castle.



TED DITCHBURN

Moles and Knight, of Warwickshire, walk out to face the first balls bowled in championship cricket at the Riverside ground, Chester-le-Street

"I've lived with this every day for the last few years but I never thought it would be like this," Robson said. "The whole of the North-East is represented here today: local industry, the universitites, the schools. It's all part of the structure of the local community and it's incredible the goodwill there is. Sport has got to recognise it and encourage it."

The goodwill was reflected by the woman who turned up with embroidered towels for the ladies' toilets, by the gardener who arrived with flowers for the sponsors' boxes and by the followers of county cricket who travelled hundreds of miles to join around 3,000 Durham members in seeing the first ball bowled. Typical of them was George Williams, a retired officer in the Church Army from Torquay, who said: "Isn't it marvellous? It's such a lovely setting with the castle on one side and the ancient parish church on the other."

Whether the Durham players were able to enjoy the scenery is another matter. The castle has been there since the 13th century, but Andy Moles seems to have been rock-solid at the top of the Warwickshire batting order for just about as long. He was to dominate the proceedings when the Riverside's first day of Britannic Assurance County Championship cricket got under way without fuss or ceremony.

It is only two years since the groundsman, Tom Flintoft, sowed his first seeds, but already the pitch was good and true, apart from a slight suggestion of uneven but far from dangerous bounce. Moles and Knight took advantage of it by putting on 172 in the first 60 overs.

It was fitting that Wood, one of the Durham-born players who will benefit from this development, took the first wicket, when Knight tried to pull him and sent a top edge steeply to second slip. He had been there 211 minutes for his 89 and Moles was to stay for another 103 minutes before Brown had him caught at slip for 90.

History had been made, but Durham clearly have a lot more work to do. "It's the end of the romance," Geoff Cook their director of cricket said yesterday, "and down to the practicalities of building a cricket club."

☐ Chris Rea, the former Scotland rugby union international, has been appointed assistant secretary of MCC, with responsibility for public relations and marketing.

Headingley to receive £30 million face-lift

HEADINGLEY, the joint home of Yorkshire cricket and Leeds rugby league clubs for a century, is to undergo a £30 million face-lift. Work on phase one, a 2,000-seat cricket members' pavilion, will begin later this year.

The pavilion, with a cricket museum, club shop, bar, restaurant and 24 hospitality suites, is the first building block in a wholesale redevelopment of the cricket and adjoining rugby ground, which will be turned into a 25,000 all-seat stadium under plans announced yesterday.

In cricket's case, the redevelopment means seating capacity for 20,000 people in a partially double-tier arena and the disappearance of the pitch perimeter walkway.

Chris Hassell, Yorkshire's chief executive, said the price of upgrading in line with other Test venues would be to use Headingley more and to exclude some of the county's other cricket grounds.

The Rugby Football Union has reportedly made inquiries about playing representative matches at Headingley and Leeds, the Courage Clubs Championship division four side, could make the ground their permanent home.

Funding is a delicate matter, but with Yorkshire revitalised by the emergence of Darren Gough as a Test fast bowler and Leeds guaranteed £4.5million from the rugby league Super League, there is sufficient money to get the project started.

European cup to take shape next season

By David Hands, rugby correspondent in Durban

RUGBY UNION will embrace a variety of agendas during the forthcoming World Cup in South Africa: not only the third tournament in the series but the future of the game in different parts of the world will come under the microscope of administrators, not all of whom take a global view.

In Cape Town today, for example, representatives of the three Southern Hemisphere powers will meet to determine a competitive way forward together. It replicates, on a broader scale, the decision taken this week by the five nations of the Northern Hemisphere to begin an embryo European cup tournament and acknowledges that rugby union must extend its boundaries.

Some commentators here have interpreted the Cape Town meeting, the second in a series which began this month in Sydney, as having professionalism as its main thrust. Were matters entirely in New Zealand's hands, that might be so, but Australia and South Africa would rather find a way of grafting an international tournament on to existing provincial tournaments.

In exactly the same way, the north's five nations have accepted the need to extend the club game into Europe and will inaugurate a competition for club and representative teams during the 1996-97 season. A pilot tournament is likely to be played next season involving sides from Wales, France and possibly Scotland and Italy, the Rugby Football Union having denied the ambitions of Bath and Leicester to help in the gestation of a European cup.

A working party will put forward by August details of the scheme proposed for 1996 but there may be elements of the proposals already engineered by the sport's marketing group, Carnegie Quintus, which has run the Super 10 tournament in the Southern Hemisphere. The five nations committee, however, has stated that no "outside agency" will have anything to do with the regulation or organisation of the competition.

All such plans will be put on the back burner, however, when the World Cup begins next Thursday. Argentina, England's first opponents next week, were the last of the 16 countries to arrive yesterday in a hot and sticky Durban. After their overnight flight, England waited until the cool of the evening before their first training run on the King's Park B pitch, simulating what they hope will be conditions for their three pool games.

"We have worked hard to adapt our game during a successful season at home and I think we are ready," Jack Rowell, the manager, said. He will be giving much thought to selection in the coming days: "We can't say we will rest players for this game or that; you have to win each game. We need to see how people settle in and how sharp they are but we are fit physically, fit mentally and, very important, we are fresh."

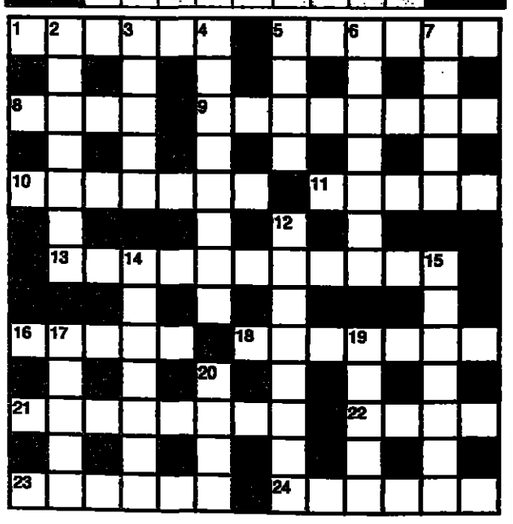
Will Carling — introduced yesterday as the " new England captain" in a jovial reference to his three-day suspension two weeks ago, added: "There is a desire in this English squad after the staggering success of the last five years, to go to the next level by beating the Southern Hemisphere countries as regularly as we defeat some nations in Europe. It would take a supreme effort physically and mentally. But we are capable of doing it, though we will need a share of luck."



Carling: optimistic

The arrival of the Argentinians was a reminder of the first hurdle to be overcome, tomorrow week. They are well prepared after the Pan-American tournament in March and their tour to Australia in April, and Alejandro Petra, their coach, believes his players to be in a stronger position than four years ago: "Our team here has most of those who played in 1991 but now they have four years extra experience," he said.

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18 ... a bout of dissipation (7)
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22 Clothing (4)
23 Cultural evening (at private house) (6)
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12 Goodbye (8)
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Equable Davies finds the going slow on return to home patch

By John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent

LAURA DAVIES came down to earth at Chart Hills, Kent, when the erratic weather in the country of her birth, the speed of play on her home tour and the slow greens on the Nick Faldo-designed course all contributed to making the opening round of her first tournament in Britain this year, the Ford Golf Classic, a salutary experience.

Not that Davies minded particularly. After her 73, one over par, she was as cheery and equable as if she had gone round in 70 and been only two strokes behind Tracy Loveys and Susan Hodge, formerly Shapcott, instead of five. Perhaps her equanimity is one of the reasons why Davies is so successful and why she seems able to cope with almost anything that comes her way.

Slow play is a scourge of the modern game. Davies, Catrin Nilsmark-Wickberg and Helen Wadsworth, three naturally quick players, took four hours and forty minutes to play 18 holes.

Even allowing for the fact that some tees are a good distance from the previous green and that the gusting, cold and occasionally damp conditions slowed play, an average of nearly 16 minutes for each hole is sluggish. No wonder Davies, Wadsworth and Nilsmark-Wickberg, the defending champion, were an aggregate of eight over par. It is hard to retain concentration when waiting before playing every stroke.

One of Davies's appealing characteristics is that she is prepared to talk on almost any subject. In an era when professional golfers are inclined to introspection, Davies's openness is refreshing. Often though, she ends up by contradicting herself. And this is precisely what happened on the subject of slow play yesterday.

"It was slow," Davies said at first. "It is always slow. We were waiting on every shot. The group behind us didn't see us for dust."

But then Davies said: "Four and three quarter hours is about standard. Every tour is slow. This was not a particularly slow round. It was chilly in the middle of the round but you get used to it."

Davies drew the biggest gallery of the day and rewarded them with some prodigious hitting. The four par fives were all within reach in two, though she birdied only two of them. On the 385-yard 10th hole, she went straight at the green, comfortably clearing a row of bunkers that looked so intimidating from the tee. Her drive finished 100 yards from the flag.



Davies, who struggled to find form in the first round of the Ford Golf Classic. Photograph: Magi Haroun

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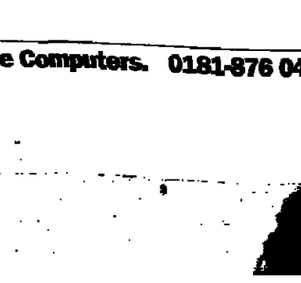
FIRST ROUND (GB and Ire unless stated). 68: T Loveys, S Hodge. 69: F Descampe (Bel), E Knuth (Sp). 70: W Doolan (Aus), K Webb (Aus), L Fairclough, J Furby. 71: D Barnard, M L de Lorenzi (Fr), T Johnson, D Eckroth (US), C Hjalmarsson (Swe), K Orum (Den). 72: N Moult, M Koch (Ger), K Davies, C Hall, E Orley (Swi), S Prosser, L Navarro (Sp), D Reid, L Lambert (Aus), S Bennett. 73: S Burnell, A Arruti (Sp), R Hetherington (Aus), L Davies, X Wunsch (Sp), M McKinley, M de Boer (Holl), L Tadiotto (Bel), N Fink (Austria), T Hammond, R Lautens (Switz), K Espinasse (Fr), P Rigby (Swe)

Only 14 of the 120 competitors beat par, which was as much due to the weather as the difficulty of the course. Nobody found the weather conditions and the course so testing as Sandrine Mendiburu, the Frenchwoman who is a former United States junior champion and the winner of the Costa Azul Open last season. Her score of 94 was the highest of the day. Mendiburu had two eights, two sevens and sundry fives and sixes. She had one blazing birdie and only three pars. In complete contrast was Sarah Bennett, whose round of 72 comprised 18 pars.

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